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USFS's Evans Notch office in Bethel closes

By MICHAEL DANIELS
Changing times have overgrown the White Mountain National Forest's Evans Notch Ranger District office in Bethel.

At the end of the work day Saturday, Recreational Technician Emily Beers, the last U.S. Forest Service employee remaining in Bethel, closed and locked the door to the Visitors Center.

It marked the end of an era spanning more than four decades, during which tens of thousands of people stopped at the Bethel center.

It also marked the end of Beers' Forest Service employment.

The original Evans Notch station opened in 1946, in downtown Norway, upstairs over L.M. Longley & Sons.

In 1967 the office was moved to a newly built building in Bethel, and in 1988 that building was renovated and expanded.

But in 1996 the Forest Service announced a long-term

plan to consolidate district offices, and the plan included merging the Evans Notch District with the larger Androscoggin District.

Over time, all of the staff who had been stationed in Bethel, except Beers, were transferred to the Androscoggin District office in nearby Gorham, NH.

And as the consolidation unfolded, the relatively low number of visitors to the Bethel center played a large role in the Forest Service's decision making.

Last year, for example, Bethel had 1,658 in-person visits, while the Androscoggin Station had 9,287, the Saco Station in Conway 45,568, and the Gateway center in Lincoln, N.H., 27,731.

And a fair number of the visitors here, Beers said, were eastbound from the west on Route 2, and at their first stop in Maine they wanted information about the coastline

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A Chinese New Year's welcome



A CHINESE WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR—Children gathered at the Bethel Fire Station New Year's Eve to lend their legs to a Chinese dragon that paraded around the common. The event, in its sixth year, was part of the annual New Year's Bethel celebration. While the rest of the world typically associates a Chinese dragon with the new year, for the Chinese the dragon is more commonly a symbol of power, said Gary Inman, one of the parade organizers. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Carpe skium

For young Leslie Bancroft, seizing a chance high-school opportunity turned out to be Olympian decision

BY SCOTT ANDREWS
Special to The Bethel Citizen
Momentous opportunities aren't always obvious; sometimes life's biggest turning points are only recognized in retrospect.

Such was the case 36 years ago when Leslie Bancroft, a freshman at Oxford Hills High School, seized an out-of-the-blue opportunity to join a newly organized cross-country ski team and subsequently rode a wave of success all the way to the Olympics and beyond.

Forming a girls' Nordic team seemed like little more

'I had no idea that I was headed toward the national team. I know that I loved the sport and my team was very supportive. And I did love winning.'

LESLIE BANCROFT

Maine woman to ski in the Olympics.

Bancroft returned to the five-ring Olympic circus at Calgary 1988, then retired from the U.S. Ski Team. But she continued to compete internationally in World Master's races and recently started

ed coaching for the New England Nordic Ski Association.

Bancroft has lived in Connecticut for more than a decade, but two years ago she bought a house in Bethel and now drives north a couple of weekends per month. She's contemplating becoming a full-time resident within five years and she's currently working involved in the local Nordic ski community.

This past October, Bancroft was inducted into the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame and on Feb. 1 she will teach at the New

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'Fresh eyes and ears' for the Bethel airport

By TERRY KARKOS
A Rumford aviation enthusiast, pilot and law enforcement officer has been enlisted to coordinate maintenance and operations' duties at the Bethel Regional Airport.

Tony Milligan took over last month for Dan "DK" Kennagh, who retired Nov. 1.

Kennagh served the airport in various capacities for more than 30 years, according to Scott Cole, Bethel's town and airport manager.

Milligan, who assisted Kennagh, will work as an independent contractor, and be paid \$10 a day or \$300 a month, Cole said.

When it comes to the operations of the airport, Milligan can draw on plenty of firsthand experience.

"I've been his [Kennagh's] arms and legs, basically for close to 10 years, or five, six years, anyway," Milligan said.

"I'm based there. I'm a pilot, so I fly out of that airport regularly and enjoy aviation, so when he decided to retire, he recommended me for the position."

Milligan is expected to operate largely without direct oversight or direction from Cole or other town officials—determining for himself when he needs work and what he needs to do.

Among other tasks, his duties include timely and proper filing of FAA NOTAM (notices to airmen), and overseeing the work of private contractors handling snow removal operations, mowing and upkeep.

He is also responsible for monitoring field conditions and the airport's systems and

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A SNOW SCULPTURE EXHIBITION will open Friday night on the Bethel common. For the past 10 days, several sculptors have been carving animals from large blocks of snow. Here, Team Canada member Mike Lane carves a bear as fellow-sculptor Pete Lucchetti holds the plasticine model that guides the work. More photos, Page 11.

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carvers arrived at the Bethel Jarrett, over the course of the Maine Snow & Ice Sculpting Tournament, the snow had completely melted.

Two of the half-dozen carved snow sculptures were placed on the snow-covered blocks. The other two were placed on the snow-covered blocks.

Refrigerated snow sculptures were placed on the snow-covered blocks. The other two were placed on the snow-covered blocks.

Team Canada arrived on Jan. 1 and began shaping the blocks with a variety of metal tools.

The carvers carried a mouse on an ATV, and a team of waterskiing bears.

To guide their work, the

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Letters

THE MESS ON THE COMMON

To the Editor:

For six decades (plus!) I have taken special pleasure in the peace and simple beauty of the common in Bethel. It has always seemed to me to be the most picturesque part of the village. As with so many people here I have played there as a child (as a four-year-old with my playmate Sarah Hawthorne, the Congregational minister's daughter), watched my twin cousins skate there in the winter, listened to Donny and Jewel at summer concerts and have attended so many Mollycoddett Days I can't count them. I think the whole village appreciates the common the way I do and appreciates its history and surrounding Historic District.

Suddenly, in the last days of 2008 the peace of our little common was obliterated by big refrigerator trucks, smaller vehicles, an RV and it all looked like a gypsy encampment. So much for our postcard-pretty New England village common at the holidays!

When I found out this mess was a Chamber-sponsored ice sculpture event that cost a lot of money to produce, I had to write a letter to the editor to express my dismay. Why couldn't this effort have been placed down at the sight of Angus and Olympia snow people on the Parkway? Better yet, let's dedicate that area to the Chamber for future WinterFests!

I have admitted to becoming an old lady! But in all those years I can't remember a single event on the common that so negatively changed the landscape as this present mess. I am all for appropriate marketing of the village and certainly support appropriate and innovative ways to encourage more people to enjoy our town. Right now I really think the integrity of the common has been compromised in favor of an inappropriate marketing effort.

Lynn Mason
Bethel

A GREAT NORDIC CALENDAR

To the Editor:

It would be hard to find a community in the U.S.A. with more affordable opportunities to enjoy top-notch cross-country skiing than right here in Bethel, Maine. The Bethel Outing Club supports a variety of local programs as part of one its main purposes "to promote Nordic skiing as sport and recreation in the greater Bethel and western Maine area, with particular emphasis on youth development Nordic ski programs."

This week's local "Nordic calendar" is a great example, with the legendary Telstar Relays taking place on Saturday, hosting high school teams from throughout the state, including our own Telstar High School and Gould Academy skiers. This is guaranteed fast-paced fun to watch, with the start, tag zone, and finish typically right on the Telstar playing fields. Coach Steve Keane's Telstar Middle School program has its first meet scheduled this week, too. The trails should be in great shape, with Telstar recently having received a gracious donation from the Mt. Abram Ski Club for the purchase of a badly needed grooming machine.

For the younger skiers, the Crescent Park School after-school program launches this week. Now nearing the end of three decades, the CPS program has put hundreds of kids on skis, thanks to gracious support from the school district, the Bethel Outing Club, the Bethel Rec. Board, and dozens of parents, teachers, and volunteers.

Kids who also want to ski on weekends have the chance to ski the three local ski touring centers and other venues, normally at Sunday afternoon practices sponsored by the Outing Club. After two great Sundays at Carter's X-Country Center and Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Center, this Sunday features "Troll Trolling," a kids' map-reading exercise that results in locating wooden trolls who reside on the trail system of the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at the Bethel Inn Resort. (Successful trolls are awarded a large cookie.)

Whether children ultimately choose competitive or non-competitive options, all of these programs offer a path to learning a lifetime sport. End-of-season championships and ski festivals may take our local youth to Sugarloaf, Maine, Stowe, Vt., or Anchorage, Alaska. The Outing Club and other local sponsors make these opportunities possible with financial and volunteer coaching support. Cost should not be an obstacle to participation.

Adults have parallel opportunities, and a visit to the local Nordic centers is a good place to find out more, as is the Outing Club's website, www.bethelouting.org. The club also offers a listserv with regular postings of outdoor activities and Nordic skiing events in the area, which can be joined by visiting the club's website or sending e-mail to kirks@megalink.net. See you on the trails,

Kirk Siegel
Secretary, Bethel Outing Club

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REMEMBERING BOB GROVER

To the Editor:

Robert L. Grover, who died Dec. 11, 2008 experienced a life probably unlike anyone else in Bethel has. He was an unforgettable, independent-minded person whom I relish the memory of having known. Bob's parents bought the camp near my grandmother's home in Sunday River called Hidden Acre when I was very young. While the Grover family was enjoying their summer vacation at camp, my family would frequently visit them in the evening.

After WW II, Bob and Jane bought their farm (which became known as Grover's Golden Gallons) in North Bethel and set up housekeeping at a pretty frugal level. Bob did some special barn modifications for my father in the late '40s so that we saw the Grovers a lot. An incident I will never forget happened this way. One morning Jane had opened her oven door to slide in some of her homemade biscuits when Bob spotted a bobcat outside their rear kitchen window. Without saying anything to Jane, he quietly slid the window open, leveled his cannon of a rifle, a 45-70, fired at and killed the bobcat. Inside the kitchen the terrific big bang was deafening. Jane said that her surprise and fright almost slammed her into the oven with the biscuits. Bob got a good laugh out of the whole thing and went out to collect his prize. He also got a lot of mileage retelling the story.

Later that morning Bob brought his bobcat carcass to our place to show my folks and tell the story. He draped the dead bobcat over the back porch rail. My mother's favorite cat who acted like he owned the place was returning from his morning patrol when he saw the head end and front legs of the bobcat hanging over the porch side. No one saw the cat for almost a week. Ever afterwards, the cat made his approach to the porch very carefully.

Bob and Jane helped many people all over the world. Their sincere contributions to people around them and their pursuit of achieving quality in life and work were the kind of gems that can and do inspire others.

Donald G. Bennett
Orlando, Fla.

COMPETENT, CARING FOLKS

To the Editor:

A few days ago I had the misfortune, through nobody's fault but my own, to take a spill at Sunday River, which cracked a pelvic bone and left me unable to navigate. Within seconds three good Samaritans, one of them an orthopedic surgeon from Maine Med, had gathered to provide support and locate the daughter with whom I was skiing, and in a moment more Steve from the ski patrol was there to get me off the mountain with great skill and good humor. On then to the clinic where Mary and Bart and many others did a great job of checking me out while keeping my spirits up. Then by PACE to Stephens Memorial — more cheerful banter combined with technical expertise — through the E.R. efficiently and cheerfully (Thanks, Dr. Piker, and special thanks to the hard-working X-ray department) and on to med-surg where the nursing staff could not have been more reassuring and helpful.

I wish I could thank everyone individually by name, but I can't, so this comes as a general thank-you to everyone involved and a compliment to Sunday River, PACE and Stephens. There's a bunch of competent and caring folks in Newry, Norway and the surrounding areas and I'm grateful to them all!

Hilary Smith
Peacham, Vt.

Evans Notch

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that lay ahead, not the National Forest they had just left behind.

Dave Neely, the WMNF assistant ranger for recreation, said the center here stayed open as long as it did in part because the Forest Service: "was basically trying to keep our options open as far as management of National Forest domain in Maine."

And, Beers added, because many Maine political figures strongly supported a continued Forest Service presence in Maine.

But tough economic times appear to have brought on the inevitable.

The visitor numbers Neely said, "are some of the data we looked at when we made a decision about whether it was prudent use of taxpayer money to be paying a salary to staff the visitor center when we weren't able to pay salary for people to cut trails, maintain campgrounds or do that other work. That's a lot of what informed that discussion."

Save an option

It is uncertain what will happen to the Forest Service property, which includes the building and its 10-acre lot.

It may end up being sold, but that decision has not yet been made, Neely said, and

the Forest Service has a tenant (or "permittee") still in the building, the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

"Certainly we have no interest — especially in this economic climate — of taking any actions that are going to make it any more difficult for a permittee to remain viable," he said.

But eventual sale remains an option, Neely said, "And I would assume that [the property] would prove fairly desirable."

"From my personal perspective, it's a fantastic piece of land," he said, "a parcel that size that's heavily wooded, near the center of town."

Neely conceded the property does have one serious drawback, at least in the eyes of some beholders — safety.

"I've long heard people express concerns about the location of the driveway and sight distances," he said.

"That seems to be the conventional wisdom in Bethel — that it's not the greatest location for getting into and out of the site."

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, said the Forest Service approached the chamber "about moving over there but our board felt,

at the time we were formally asked, that the location and the tight curb cuts were not conducive to safe visitor vehicular access.

And she noted: "When the Maine Tourism Association had a location there, the walk-in numbers might have increased a little, but even they could not justify the expense to be there."

And the nearby, more conveniently located, chamber office, she said, already provides the kind of information visitors to the area typically seek.

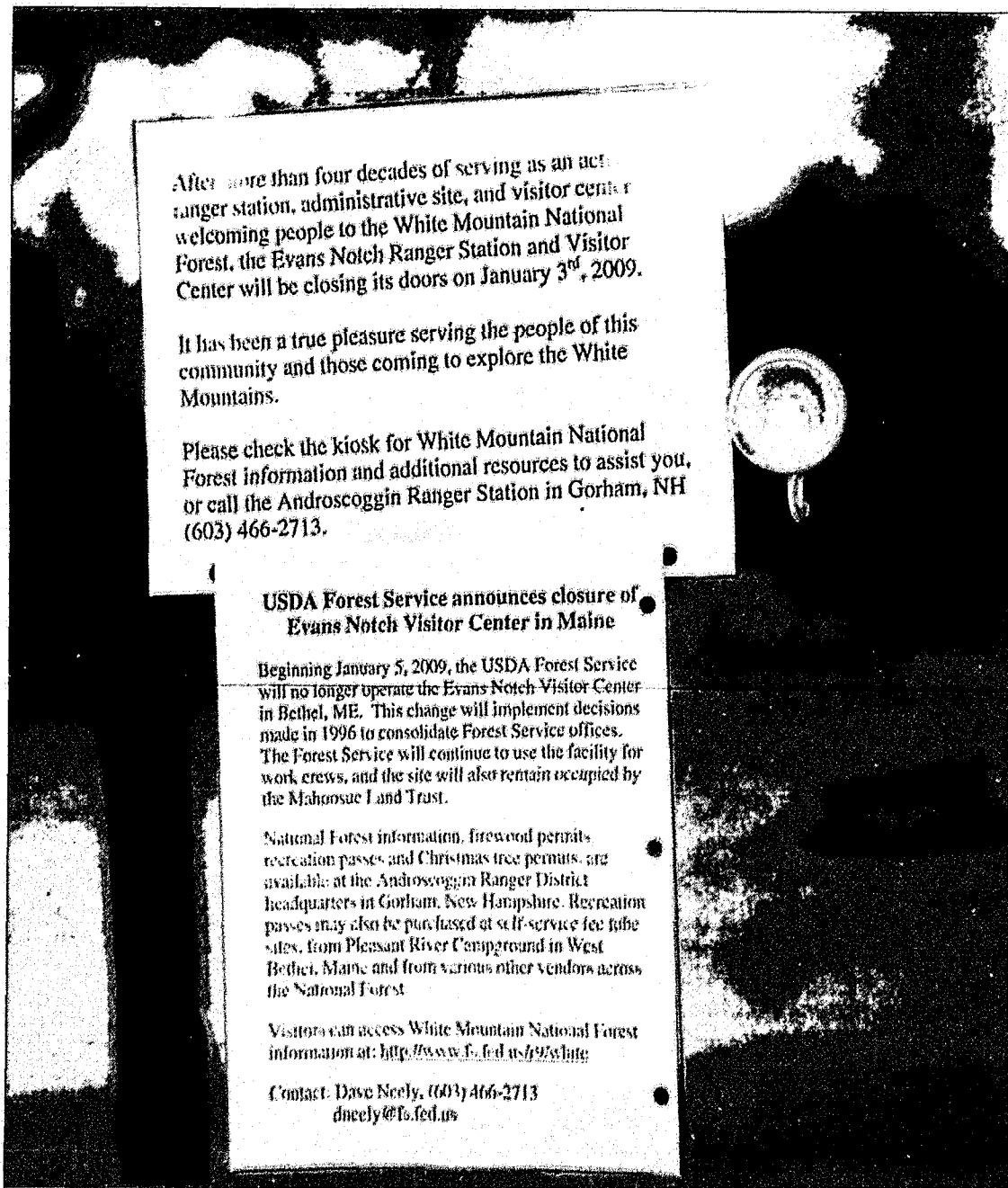
"The chamber has already been distributing the WMNF hiking maps, camping information and various other handouts. They are some of our more popular summer/fall takeaways," Zinchuk said.

"It is my hope to continue to have conversations with the WMNF to see if they have any willingness to talk about collaboration in the future."

Beers, asked about her own future, was philosophical.

"Every day is a new day," she said. "Life is an adventure."

Next week: More on four decades of Evans Notch District people and stories. If you have stories or photos to share, please do: 824-2444 or news@bethelcitizen.com.



After more than four decades of serving as an act ranger station, administrative site, and visitor center, welcoming people to the White Mountain National Forest, the Evans Notch Ranger Station and Visitor Center will be closing its doors on January 3rd, 2009.

It has been a true pleasure serving the people of this community and those coming to explore the White Mountains.

Please check the kiosk for White Mountain National Forest information and additional resources to assist you, or call the Androscoggin Ranger Station in Gorham, NH (603) 466-2713.

USDA Forest Service announces closure of Evans Notch Visitor Center in Maine

Beginning January 5, 2009, the USDA Forest Service will no longer operate the Evans Notch Visitor Center in Bethel, ME. This change will implement decisions made in 1996 to consolidate Forest Service offices. The Forest Service will continue to use the facility for work crews, and the site will also remain occupied by the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

National Forest information, firewood permits, recreation passes, and Christmas tree permits are available at the Androscoggin Ranger District headquarters in Gorham, New Hampshire. Recreation passes may also be purchased at self-service fee tube sites, from Pleasant River Campground in West Bethel, Maine, and from various other vendors across the National Forest.

Visitors can access White Mountain National Forest information at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/whm>

Contact: Dave Neely, (603) 466-2713
dneely@fs.fed.us

A REFLECTION OF THE TIMES—Notices taped the door of the now closed Evans Notch Ranger District refer visitors to the USFS office in Gorham N. H. and the USFS website. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: State Rep. Arlan Jodrey was appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Construction was underway at the site of the "World's Largest Snowman."

Fifth-grade students at Andover Elementary School were holding a bottle drive to raise money for their end-of-the-year trip.

Deaths: Jasmine D. Parent, Evelyn E. Campagna, Daniel W. Tucker, Beatrice M. Bames, Will H. McAllister.

20 years ago: Effective Jan. 1, individuals and municipalities could no longer burn most types of solid waste at landfills in Maine.

The Pleasant River Condos in West Bethel were rapidly nearing completion.

Gas at the Irving Station on Mechanic Street was selling at 96 cents a gallon for regular and \$1.13 a gallon for supreme.

Births: Elizabeth Marie Noelle Caron, Abby Beth Mills, Ransom Lester Ray Cole, Samantha Renae Barton, Rodney Lewis Payne.

Deaths: Katherine Carter Johnston, Gladys Swan, Lawrence Sanders, Eva S. Thurston, Erwin F. Cole, Sr.

30 years ago: Sunday River Inn was hosting 32 students and eight staff members from West Chester, Pa.

Martin Epp, one of Switzerland's most respected ski touring guides and mountain climbers, presented an illustrated lecture at Gould Academy.

The Senior High Student Council and Drama Club at Telstar were planning and organizing a "Rebel Revue" show.

Births: Jay Alan Melville, Ariana Julia Twitchell, David Elliot Bean.

Death: Roger A. Favreau.

40 years ago: The 1969 president for the Oxford County Extension Association Advisory Council was Samuel Timberlake.

The Mt. Washington observatory reported a total 220 inches of snow for the year to date.

The Order of Rainbow Girls held a semi-public installation at the Masonic Hall in Bethel.

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Brooks in Hanover.

Birth: George Freeman, Jr.

Deaths: Mrs. Daisy A. Crosby, Hannes E. Hakala, Harry S. Billings, Mrs. Mildred Abbie Wilbur, Leola O. Davis.

50 years ago: Three days and nights of snow, high winds and cold caused much damage to area power and telephone lines, windows, doors and metal roofing.

The ski tow on Vernon Street began operating on weekends, and plans were being made to run it one night per week.

Announcement was made of the retirement of Clayton F. Fossett from the faculty of Gould Academy after 34 years of service.

Births: Abner Franklin Kimball, Laura Connor.

60 years ago: Addison Saunders was elected president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce.

Albert S. Grover completed his work at the Bethel Feed and Grain Company to devote his entire time to his duties with the sheriff's department.

70 years ago: Five persons lost their lives in a fire, which destroyed the Falls View Hotel in Rumford. Mrs. Peter Matilis, wife of the proprietor, their daughters Mildred, Virginia and Georgia, and Rush H. Rogers were the victims.

Philip Wight and crew of Norway were at work on the Foster house recently purchased by Hugh Thurston.

Deaths: George H. Perham, Miss Flora J. Wheeler.

100 years ago: The Universalist Church was filled to capacity during the Christmas service by Rev. W. C. Curtis of the Congregational Church following the fire that damaged the Congregational Church, which is being repaired.

Dr. Widd B. Twaddle of Bethel opened a practice in Fryeburg.

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Briefly

Consolidation hearing schedule

BETHEL— Public hearings on the Jan. 27 School Consolidation vote will be held as follows: Monday, Jan. 12, Telstar High School auditorium, 7 p.m., for the residents of SAD 44; Tuesday, Jan. 13, Upton Town Office, 7 p.m., for residents of Upton; Wednesday, Jan. 14, Gilead Town Office, 7 p.m. The Jan. 27 vote on consolidation with Union 37 (Rangeley) will be in a referendum format.

Party planned for Spc. Walley

BETHEL—A Welcome Home Party for Army Spc. Keith Walley will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Funky Red Barn on Summer Street. Walley has served in Baghdad, Iraq for the past 15 months, and is stationed in Fort Stewart, Ga., where he lives with his wife and son. He is returning to his hometown to visit family and friends. A potluck supper will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by live entertainment. The opening band will be "Myth" from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by The Band with No Name. RSVP is requested at 665-2343 or 665-2486.

Perham's closed for winter

WEST PARIS—A gem and mineral store on Route 26 will be shutting its doors for the first part of 2009 due to seasonal sales and the slumping economy. Perham's of West Paris, which was founded in 1919 by Stan Perham, has traditionally been open year-round. It will close Jan. 1 and reopen June 1 or possibly earlier. Jane Perham, Stan's daughter and full-time employee since 1965, said the decision was made partly due to increasing costs and the national economic downturn. However, she said the main reason for the change was that most visitors to the store come in from June until after Christmas while winter sees fewer customers. "I figure after 90 years we can take a winter off," said Perham. "It just seems to be prudent to follow this course right now." Perham said she is not sure if the change will be permanent.

Crockett appointed to Judiciary

AUGUSTA—State Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel) has been appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary for the 124th Maine Legislature, putting him in a position to affect legislation dealing with everything from the state's court system to child support issues. "This is the committee I requested," said Rep. Crockett, a first-term Republican legislator from Bethel and a licensed Maine attorney. "I'm looking forward to getting started." The committee system is the heart of the Maine Legislature. All bills submitted by legislators and administration officials—typically more than 2,000—start their journey through the legislative labyrinth at the committee level. Members delve into the fine points of the legislation and hold work sessions and public hearings. Only after committees finish with a bill does it advance to the House and Senate for an up or down vote. Some bills never even make it that far; they are "killed" in committee by a unanimous rejection by all members. The Maine Legislature has 17 joint standing committees, each composed of 13 members—three state senators and 10 members of the House. Every committee has jurisdiction over clearly defined parts of state government. The Judiciary Committee's portfolio includes criminal and civil procedure, the attorney general's office, civil and human rights, probate and property law, abortion and reproductive rights and many other areas of law. It also handles attorneys and legal services, the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act and the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission.

Post is weigh station for derby

NEWRY—Bear River Trading Post on Route 26 in Newry has been designated as one of the 22 weigh stations for the 2009 Maine Chevrolet Statewide Ice Fishing Derby. The Derby will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tournament is open to adults and youngsters and subject to all ice fishing regulations as set by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Fisherman may fish all legal waters throughout the state. Competitors may fish for togue, pickerel, pike and muskie. Says Maine IF&W fisheries biologist, John Boland, "The organizers have always coordinated with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to ensure that the derby is consistent with our fisheries objectives. The derby has been a wonderful success—encouraging families to take advantage of ice-fishing and most importantly, raising money for local charities." First, second and third place cash prizes will be awarded for the largest fish of each species. All anglers who weigh their fish will be eligible for the grand prize drawing of a 2008 Chevy 4x4. The Maine Chevrolet Derby 2009, organized and hosted by the Sebago Lake Rotary Club is a fundraiser for The Good Shepard Food Bank which supplies 500 food pantries throughout Maine; Camp Sunshine; Maine Children's Cancer Program, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Rotary Foundation, the DARE Program and local charities selected by the statewide weigh stations. Maine fishing licenses and Derby entries may be purchased at the Bear River Trading Post. Entries along with a complete set of rules, prizes, weigh station locations, and registration information is available online at www.icefishing-derby.com or by phoning 1-888-ICE-FLAG. The entry fee is \$20 per person and \$30 for a Kid Pack, which includes entry for two parents and up to 6 children under the age of 18. The 2009 Maine Chevy Derby Fest Awards Ceremony and truck drawing will be held Tuesday, March 10. The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is providing lodging referrals and reservations through its website at www.bethelmaine.com for competitors who will be ice-fishing in western Maine lakes and ponds.

Seizure triggered by dog bite

WEST PARIS—An 18-year-old man suffered a seizure triggered by a bite from a pit bull at the Moose Pond Animal Shelter on Wednesday afternoon, an official said. Oxford County Sheriff's Deputy Chancey Libby said the bite was minor and the man, who was not identified, had a history of seizures. The bite surprised him enough to lead to a seizure, Libby said. He said the bite was between the thumb and the pointer finger, Dannie Paine, who runs the shelter and serves as the animal control officer for several towns, including West Paris, said the dog would be euthanized in 11 days. Paine confirmed the bite was minor. The facility is operated as a "no kill" shelter, but Paine declined to elaborate on the decision to euthanize the pit bull.

New incentive for wind systems

AUGUSTA—The Maine Public Utilities Commission is offering a new incentive for residents and business owners to turn to wind for their energy needs. The PUC's Efficiency Maine program is offering rebates of up to \$2,000 for qualified residential wind energy systems. Non-residential systems that meet program requirements could be eligible for rebates of up to \$4,000. PUC Chairwoman Sharon Reishus says the new program will give help to those who want to take the next step toward energy independence.

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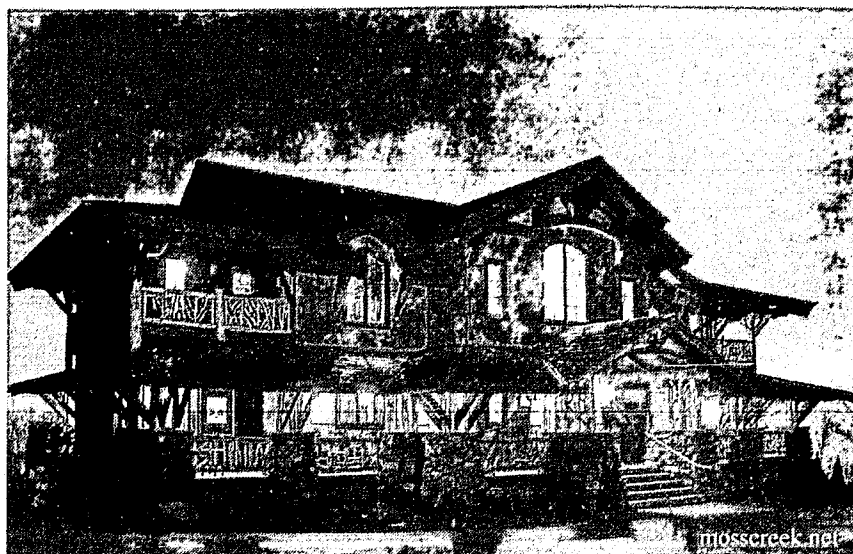
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Sculpture

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team used small, detailed models they had made from plasticine.

The sculptors carve unique pieces for each event in which they participate, Watt said.

Two other sculptors are carving four other snow animals.

Deluxe accommodations

For the final three days of carving, Team Canada worked under the protection of a tent for the first time in their experience together.

Luxury conditions compared to some of their past projects, the men said.

At one sculpting event in Whitehorse, Lane and Watt carved at 50 below zero temperatures.

"We had to watch each other's faces for frostbite," said Watt.

The men were creating two side-by-side carvings in the Yukon city. "It was so cold they started bending in on each other," Lane said.

Another challenge at an

unsheltered work site, said Lane, is falling snow.

"We have to keep brushing it off," he said.

The snow that they carve can be of either the natural or manmade variety.

The sculptors prefer natural, said Lane. Manmade snow is composed of tiny hard pellets that can be more difficult and time-consuming to carve.

The time needed to complete a sculpture can vary widely, driven sometimes by a looming deadline.

At one event, said Watt, the team carved for 21 hours straight to finish in time.

Early this week, their Bethel work was proceeding at a steady pace.

By Wednesday, Team Canada expected to be done and on the way to their next stop — China.

For photos of the sculpture critters' evolution, see Page 11.

Other WinterFest events
For a WinterFest schedule of events, see Page 12.

Bancroft

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England Women's XC Ski Day at the Bethel Inn Nordic Center.

Opportunities and Support

Bancroft was born into a skiing family in 1959. Third of five children of Al and Mary Alice Bancroft of Paris Hill, young Leslie started schussing down the slopes of Mt. Abram and Sunday River in 1963.

The 1960s marked a period of mushrooming growth of the sport in Maine, with new ski hills, new lifts and new trails sprouting all over. By contrast, cross-country skiing, formerly the predominant branch of the sport, had declined in popularity to the point where it was almost unknown to the general public.

By the end of the 1960s, Nordic had been relegated to a tiny competitive specialty in a handful of high schools and colleges.

Oxford Hills High School wasn't one of these. But in 1973 two sisters who had just moved into the district wanted to start a girls' team. They approached OHHS authorities and found a coach who was willing to help launch the effort, but there was one additional obstacle. State rules require at least four students per team.

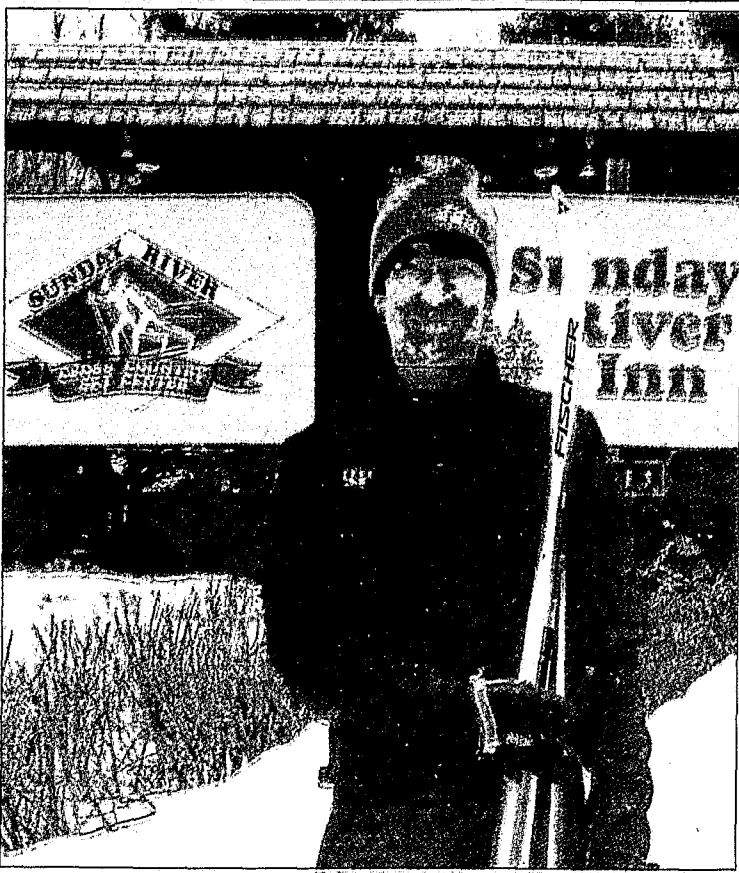
The sisters recruited Bancroft, a scion of Bethel's Hastings' family, because she liked downhill skiing — plus she ran track. She'd never before skied cross-country but was willing to give it a whirl. Ditto the newly appointed coach.

Despite their inexperience, the OHHS girls turned in creditable results in that first year.

"We didn't really know what we were doing," recalls Bancroft.

"We were kinda just putting one foot in front of the other, but we were doing it fast and well. We just liked what we were doing and had a good time at it."

Bancroft turned out to be OHHS's surprise star, even beating a top skier from Rumford, one of the state's traditional powerhouse squads. Cross-country competition



LESLIE BANCROFT, in Newry

(Photo: Scott Andrews)

was pure fun in those days, she recalls. And with zero expectations, there was no pressure to perform or produce results. Bancroft thrived in that loose environment.

"I had no idea that I was headed toward the national team," she says. "I know that I loved the sport and my team was very supportive. And I did love winning."

Outstanding Results

Bancroft's outstanding results soon grabbed the attention of Gary Worthing, the OHHS football coach and a veteran of the U.S. Army's biathlon/cross-country team.

Worthing wanted Bancroft to compete at a much higher level during her sophomore year, and he drove her around New England to regional races. Despite competing against much better skiers, Bancroft continued to win races.

Worthing set up a rigorous training program for his budding star at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center. There was an added bonus: Bancroft became lifelong friends with Steve and Peggy Wight, the touring center's owners.

Junior Nationals followed

in 1976 and 1977. Traveling thousands of miles to distant Western ski meccas was expensive, but the town of Paris proved its support by raising almost \$1,000 — almost overnight.

"That was always a tremendous push when I was competing in far-away places, knowing that I had that support," says Bancroft. "That's the way my town was; everybody was excited about what I was doing."

Among the things Bancroft was doing was winning the 1977 Junior National Championship.

That also attracted the attention of U.S. Ski Team coach Marty Hall, who recruited her for the Baby Blues, a newly created national development squad.

Bancroft competed in the Olympics in 1980 and 1988. Following the 1988 Winter Games she retired from the U.S. Ski Team, but soon turned her attention to World Masters.

She also returned to Maine for two years in the early 1990s to coach at Bates College and run the Mom and Me children's program for the Wights at Sunday River.

Flying Moose

Two years ago Bancroft bought a house on Elm Street in Bethel Village, enthusiastically noting that the location is within walking distance of the Flying Moose Classic, the popular annual race run by the Bethel Outing Club.

In 2008 she won her age division and placed third overall in the Flying Moose. The name of the race is ironic. Coach Hall had once joked that Bancroft "looks like a moose on skis, but she keeps beating all the other girls."

This year Bancroft purchased the BOC's three-area pass — Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center, Bethel Inn Nordic Ski Center and Carter's XC Ski Center — a bargain that's available to members only. She also plans to help out with the BOC's youth programs.

On Feb. 1 she'll teach clinics at the New England Women's XC Ski Day, which is run by another Maine Olympian, Trina Hosmer. The Bethel Inn hosts the event. It's the first time it's been held in Bethel, and Bancroft hopes to make it an annual happening.

Coaching for NENSA is a new venture for Bancroft and the former Olympian relishes the challenge of teaching. For Bancroft, it starts with basic skills, then segues to values, attitudes and lifestyle.

"There are a couple of ways that you can ski," she notes. "You can walk on your skis or you can glide on your skis. And through that Women's Ski Day, you can teach people to glide on their skis in a short period of time. It is an incredible feeling to see someone make that transition."

"I feel extremely fortunate that after all these years there's no place I'd rather be than out in the woods on my skis. And that is something I'd just love to pass on to other people."

For more information about NENSA's Women's XC Ski Day, visit the website www.nensa.net/women.

Scott Andrews, a snowsports journalist from Portland, has been skiing in Bethel for 24 years.

Airport

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for providing aviators with the crucial information they need to use the facility safely.

"This time of the year, it's particularly important," Milligan said, "because you have weather, either snow or ice, that affects the condition of the runway and the apron and such."

And anything that affects the performances of aircraft landing and taking off must be reported to the FAA, so that NOTAM can be issued.

"Basically, as the town manager called it, I'm 'the eyes and ears of the airport,'" Milligan said.

At larger airports these responsibilities are often handled by a commercial FBO (fixed base operator). But

with no such operation at the Bethel Airport, "the town needs to have somebody do it," Milligan said.

Kennagh honored

At a dinner last month, the town honored the service of Milligan's predecessor, DK Kennagh.

"For me," said Scott Cole, "DK's constant presence and vigilance have been nothing short of a blessing."

"The airport seems sleepy, but it is actually a seven-day-a-week operation with many variables and significant responsibilities."

And, said Cole "never once has [Kennagh] been wrong in his assessment of situations, in his decisions, or in his recommendations concerning the airport."

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Officially, winter began less than a month ago and I'm already quite sick of it. In spite of the fact that we have not yet been hit with any major snowstorms, I've seen all the snow I care to see. And now the arctic chill is upon us. Yes, I'm still on my "I hate winter" kick and probably will be until the spring thaw whenever that will be.

I keep asking myself why I live in Maine considering how much I dislike Maine winters. Maybe it's the two or three unbelievably beautiful days we have in the spring that keep me around.

I have always been sure that I am geographically mislocated. I think I was supposed to be born in a tropical paradise, but something went wrong and I was born in Maine.

Don't misunderstand me, I actually love the state of Maine. From the rocky coastline to the lakes and ponds scattered throughout the state, there is beauty everywhere. It's not Maine, it is Maine winters that I can't stand.

I saw a bumper sticker once that said "If you can't take winter in Maine, you don't deserve summer." I don't agree with that sentiment at all. I think if you endure winter in Maine, you definitely deserve the summer. In fact, it's the knowing what's to come by May or June that keeps me sane throughout January, February and March.

Maybe if I remind myself that the plants currently sleeping under a blanket of snow in my garden will start to emerge in a few months, it will help me tolerate the darn blasted blanket of snow.

If I concentrate on all the concerts in the park and other

outdoor events I'll be enjoying in the warmth of July and August, maybe it will ease the stress of winter confinement.

If I think about cookouts and trips to the seashore with my grandsons, just maybe that will help to endure the cold, snow and ice.

I have always been sure that I am geographically mislocated.

That all sounds nice and positive, but it ain't working. It was below zero when I got up this morning, which was several hours ago, and it's only zero now. No thoughts of concerts in the park or daylilies blooming is going to make any difference.

Every time I hear my furnace kick in, which seems to be about every 10 minutes, I hear the ka-ching, ka-ching of the oil company's cash register. Every time I step out the door I hear the chatter of my teeth and the creak of my bones. I don't hear anyone striking up the band. Right about now the sound of buzzing mosquitoes would be music to my ears.

Even as a little kid I didn't find winter very user friendly. My brothers and playmates couldn't get enough of playing in the snow. Sledding, ice skating, fort making and snowball fights were basic parts of their winter activity.

It was always a fight for my mother to get my brothers to come in the house after several hours of pummeling each other with snow.

That was not the case with me. My poor mother would have to force me into the many layers of winter clothing all the while telling me that the fresh air would do me good.

After all the clothing was in place so that nothing other than my eyes and nose were exposed, she would gently nudge me out the kitchen door. I would waddle a few feet into the back yard, breathe in all the fresh air I felt was required and then waddle back to the kitchen door and cry to come in.

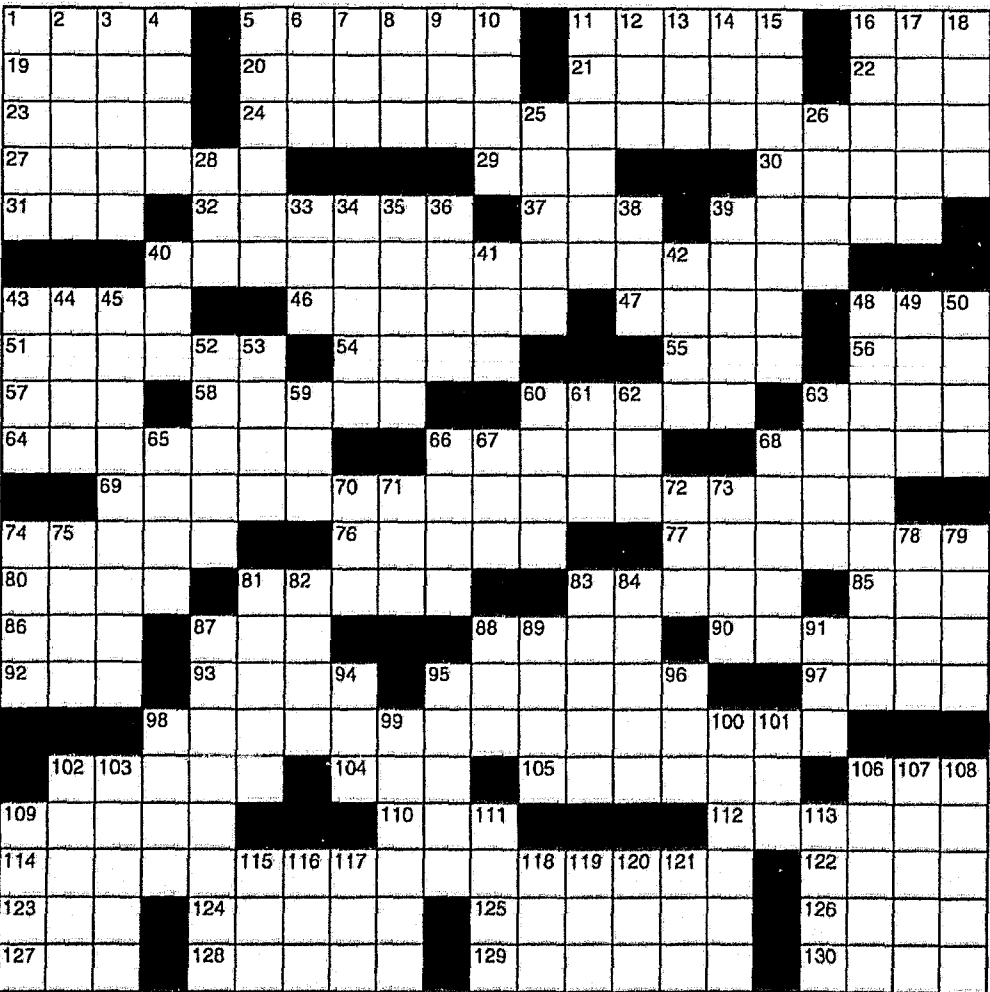
This exercise in filling my lungs with fresh winter air took all of about five minutes. It took a lot longer to get into and out of my snowsuit than it did for me to declare that I was too cold to stay outside.

No wonder my mother got frustrated with me. But, I got frustrated with her too. She couldn't understand why I didn't want to go out and romp in the snow with all the kids in the neighborhood. After all, it was the kid thing to do.

I tried to impress upon her that my idea of a fun snow day was to stay in my pajamas and sit with my feet in the oven of our big old oil stove surrounded by comic books. She never accepted that as an alternative. Funny thing though, I never saw my mother going out to enjoy the fresh air.

Well, that was a long time ago, but my attitude about winter hasn't changed a bit. However, I do love Maine so I guess I will just have to endure it. But the way I see it, I could endure it a lot better with my pajamas on and my feet stuck in the oven of a big old oil stove.

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Jan. 6

At 12:33 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward received a report of a vehicle on fire on Main Street. On arrival the owner had put the fire out and the Fire Department was on scene.

At 2:46 p.m. Officer Crystal Aylward took a statement from a subject regarding a dispute that had just occurred on Main Street.

Sunday, Jan. 4

At 2:58 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell was asked to be on the lookout for a vehicle that had left a Newry business. The driver had been involved in an assault and an accident. The vehicle was located by state police in Newry.

At 6:30 p.m. at a West Bethel Rd. location Lt. S.R. White arrested Derek R. Johnson, 26, of Milbridge on an arrest warrant.

Saturday, Jan. 3

At 12:58 a.m. on the Sunday River Rd. Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Thomas M. Evans, 21, for OUI - marijuana and sale and use of drug paraphernalia.

At 9:45 a.m. Officer Rusty Daley received a report of a vehicle involved in a gas theft in West Paris. The driver pumped \$15 worth of gas and only paid for \$10. The vehicle was located and stopped, and the driver instructed to return and pay the balance.

At 5 p.m. Lt. S.R. White was requested to stop and hold a subject who had shoplifted at a Rumford business. The suspect was stopped on Vernon Street, and held until Rumford PD could respond. All the property was located and returned to the business.

At 5:17 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to Mayville Rd. for a report that someone had thrown something at a vehicle. There was no damage found. At 8:05 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to a Newry business and secure a subject until a state trooper could arrive to continue an investigation. The BPD officer located and held the subject.

At 10:20 p.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted a state trooper with a traffic stop and OUI check with multiple people in a vehicle on the Songo Pond Rd. The driver was negative OUI.

At 11:54 p.m. Lt. S.R. White and Officer Jeff Campbell responded to Newry to assist state police with a large fight.

Friday, Jan. 2

At 9 p.m. Lt. S.R. White responded to a business for a property damage accident involving a bus and a telephone pole support wire.

At 9:05 p.m. Lt. S.R. White assisted Bethel Rescue with a call on the East Bethel Road.

Thursday, Jan. 1

At 2:14 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to a residence for a report of a fight. On arrival one party had left, and it was determined the altercation had been mutual.

At 2:22 a.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to a village business for a report of harassment. Two subjects who had been arguing were asked to leave. One left, but then repeatedly called the business back and yelled at an employee. The officer arrived and spoke to the caller on the phone, telling the subject not to call again.

At 1:43 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a residence for a report of a 911 hangup call. On arrival he learned that a 3-year-old had been demonstrating to her siblings how to call for an ambulance when her mom has her baby.

At 3:09 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Route 26 near Davis Park for a report that a snowmobiler had driven off a stone wall embankment and broken through the ice of the Alder River. Friends in the group with the rider were able to pull the machine from the ice before it sank. There were no injuries or damage.

At 4:10 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a residence for a report of trespassing. The subject was not located.

At 4:27 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Mountain View Rd. For a report of a utility wire hanging down on the road. The cable company was notified.

December Tally of BPD Activity

Calls for service (assaults, domestic incidents, animal complaints, etc.): 123

Arrests: 8

Warnings: 23

Citations (speeding tickets and other moving violations): 28

Motor vehicle defect stops/warnings: 7

Patrol checks: 3

Permits: 3

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1:30 a.m.: Alexander R. Mastrangelo, 18, of Middleton, Mass., OUI, operating without a license; by Trooper Paul Casey on Skiway Rd., Newry.

Sunday, Jan. 4, 5:37 a.m.: David James Adams, 35, of Portland, OUI, violation of bail conditions; by Trooper Jason Wing on Sunday River Rd., Newry.

Sunday, Jan. 4, 2:28 a.m.: Matthew C. Daigle, 23, of Gloucester Mass., OUI; by Trooper Jason Wing on Route 2, Bethel.

Sunday, Jan. 4, 7:34 p.m.: Derek R. Johnson, 26, of Milbridge, violation of bail conditions, failure to appear; by BPD Lt. S.R. Whitey on Main St., Bethel.

Saturday, Jan. 3, 3:07 a.m.: Thomas M. Evans, 21, of Marshfield, Mass., OUI; by BPD Officer Jeff Campbell on Sunday River Rd., Bethel.

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bohr have had Holiday company of their daughters, Sarah of Atlantic Beach, Fla., and Katie and son Noah of Storrs, Conn. A friend Katie had known in India, now living in Paris, France with her daughter, was also their guest.

Helen Lowe, G.A. '39, formerly of Bethel, is at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris.

Sue Farrar is home after having surgery for a broken wrist she received in a fall on the ice just before Christmas.

Attention quilters: The Cross Country Quilt show is scheduled for June 26 and 27. Now is the time to start making a quilt or hanging for this show. We encourage all interested to join this activity.

Margaret "Amy" Davis hosted a family gathering on Tues-

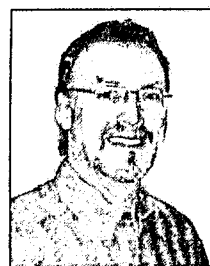
day: Mike and Kathy from Norway; Nora and friend Brian, Chicago, Ill.; Andy, Pat and Lindsay from Waterboro; Tom and Ann from Pittsburgh, Pa.; Maggie from Lynchburg, Va.; and Bob and Ginny and Jodi of Bethel.

A gala affair was held at the South Paris Legion Hall on New Year's Eve, with Wally Jones Band for dancing. A grand banquet was put on by the Legion Auxiliary. Door prizes were awarded. A wonderful time was had by the large crowd.

Bob and I attended the party for Vera Cross, of Locke Mills, celebrating her 90th birthday at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. The Richard Felt Band, Molykett Quartet and pianist Philip House entertained the 200 people in attendance.

To all of you out there that used to enjoy the old-fashioned Saturday night dance, you should know that Wally Jones, a Waterford resident and member of a musical family, has formed "Wally Jones Dance Band." Every Saturday

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night finds a good crowd gathered at the South Paris Legion Hall. A good crowd of "dancing friends regularly enjoy the 7 to 10 p.m. affair. Great music! A drum, keyboard, trumpet and saxophone bring back memories.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

If winter comes, can spring be far behind? John Applin delivered

the Fedco seed catalog on Saturday, so I have to say, "Hope springs eternal!" After a week or so of gale force winds and frigid temperatures, a little hope is welcome.

Our neighbors, the Inmans, have had turkeys in their yard, but the big birds seem to have abandoned us once more. We do have plenty of blue jays, doves, and chickadees, but not much else of interest.

Jerry Vincent, however, called to report that he had seen his first redpolls of the season. He has also had a few turkeys and "no red squirrels." How he gets away with that, I don't know. On the other hand, he has found mice — in Shireen's car! He has set a trap line in the car. Let's hope he catches the beasts.

Our snowblower is back in working order, having had a heart transplant, a.k.a. a new engine. I won't mention the cost. We are now ready for the next onslaught, which I expect will have come yesterday, because it was the first Wednesday of the month and spinning day for Bethel Amiable Arachnes. Last year we had giant-o snowstorms on the first Wednesdays of January, February, and March.

The Grange normally meets

on the fourth Thursday of the month. During the winter months, however, the meetings will be held or not, depending on the severity of the weather. If it is too cold to heat up the Grange Hall, the calling tree will spring into action to inform members of any change in plans.

New Year's Bethel was delightful, in spite of biting cold exacerbated by the aforementioned winds. Mike and I were ticket checkers at the second performance of the State Street Traditional Jazz Band. This group has performed every year that New Year's Bethel has been in existence, and every year they are wonderful and much appreciated by the local audience. We spotted Jane Hosterman and Barbara Mahler there, and Jane later told me that she just loves this first night celebration. I hope more of you were able to take in the evening's entertainment as well.

Afterward we went to the sing-along at the Bethel Historical Society, led by Lynn Arizzi at the piano. Many folks joined in with gusto, singing old favorites such as "Edelweiss," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Winter Wonderland," and "Blue Moon," among many others. Later we were at the Arizzis' home to watch the ball drop on Times Square and greet 2009.

On New Year's Day we shared our pork and sauerkraut with Mo Libby, the alpaca lady. My mother always insisted that one should never eat poultry on New Year's Day, because chickens and turkeys scratch for their food, and eating them would result in one's having to scratch for a living all year. So it had to be pork and sauerkraut. Does that mean we'll be rooting in the mud all year?

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meet for an hour of coffee and French conversation to polish our accents and enlarge our vocabularies. We decided recently to repeat the "diner français" that we held last year. Our seven-course dinner took place Sunday evening at Mary Haberman's home on Paradise Road. We invited spouses and other friends and family to join us.

Sharing the very extended meal with Mary, Saranne Taylor, Joanne Morse, and me were Mary's daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Meadows and Ed Easter; another daughter and son-in-law, Margaret Haberman and Landon Fake; our daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Kirk Siegel; Saranne's partner, Jeff Newsom; Joanne's husband, Earl; and our special guest all the way from Paris, France, Laurie McPherson. The portions were all small, but the variety of dishes resulted in our being completely sated.

We're hoping to get in some cross-country skiing this week. Meanwhile, please get in touch with your news at dhoeh@megalink.net, or 836-3011.

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. I guess I was a little late sending in last week's

column, so here it is: Happy New Year! How many of you are making New

Year's resolutions? Of course the most popular two are lose weight and quit smoking.

On Friday, Jan. 2, the Telstar boys' basketball team will be having a home game. The J.V. will play at 5:30 against Winthrop, followed by the varsity at 7. Andover boys playing are Joel Putnam, Elek Pew, Daniel Vaughn, Justin Smith and Joey Blanchard.

Happy Birthday this week to Logan Bodemer Jan. 1 and Sawyer Barter on the 7th.

Have a nice weekend.

Week of Jan. 8

There was a good crowd at the New Year's Eve Dance at the Town Hall on Wednesday. What a cold night it was!

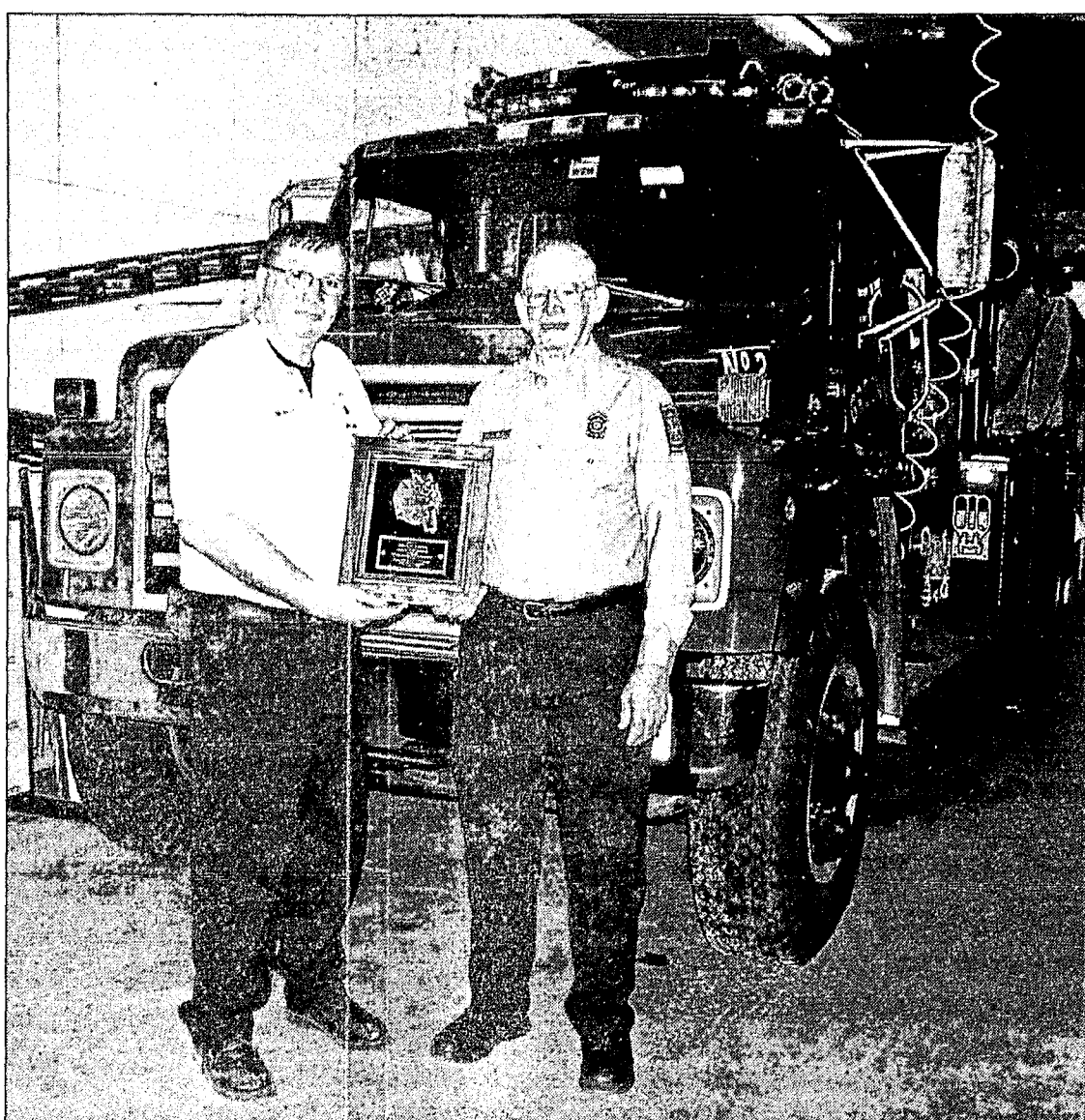
There will be a public hearing regarding the proposed merger of SAD44 with Rangeley. The hearing is scheduled for Monday evening, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. It will be held at Telstar High School in the auditorium.

Congratulations to the following Andover students attending Mountain Valley who made the honor roll for the second semester: Freshman: Karianna Anastasio, Izaak Mills. Middle School eighth grade, Joshua Rainey.

Happy Birthday this week to Kevin Chase on Saturday, Jewel Chase on the 12th, and Brooke Kersey on the 14th.

Don't forget that nomination papers are now available for several positions in town government: selectman, fire chief, road commissioner, School Board representative, treasurer, and tax collector. Papers may be picked up at the Town Office.

Have a warm weekend!



THANKS TO A LONG-TIME FIREFIGHTER—Retiring firefighter Milt Inman was honored Monday night by the Greenwood and West Paris Fire departments for his combined 64 years of service to the two departments. Inman received a proclamation from Greenwood selectmen, a plaque from the GFD, a new laptop computer, and the fire helmet he wore when he first joined the West Paris department. Inman (right) is shown here with GFD Chief Jim Owen. Inman served approximately 20 years in Greenwood and 44 in West Paris. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

(We're supposed to get some snow on Wednesday, so it should be good cross-country ski time!)

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

I'm not sure which is worse—putting up with the cold

temperatures or getting buried under a couple of feet of snow.

Hugh's brother, Bill Lord, called this past weekend. He and Barb wanted to wish us a Happy New Year. He said it is a little colder than usual in Phoenix, Ariz., but certainly not anywhere as cold as it is here. He has been battling with the rabbits that inhabit his backyard. No matter what he does, they seem to keep coming back.

Hugh's other brother, Vernon Fraser and his wife, Arlene, from Prince William, NB, also called with wishes for a Happy New Year.

Norm Buttrick and Cathy McGuire stopped by this past weekend. Norm is finishing up his report on the archaeological site work that he did for the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The next day, we ran into them in Gorham while we were doing some shopping.

My brother, Steve McLain, has had some help from his son, Brad, dealing with the many joys of winter. They got some snow off the roof and worked on getting ready for the next storm by making sure the plow on the pickup was ready.

Town Office

This is a reminder that the Public Hearing for the school consolidation will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Town Office at 7 p.m. The Special Town Meeting will be held on Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The notices have been posted at the Town Office, Town Hall and Transfer Station.

Gilead Historical Society—Bob and Judy Bishop called to report that they enjoyed the newsletter that was put out by the Gilead Historical Society this past week.

Roy and Mary Newton donated a couple of items that came from the Peabody Tavern. Roy's father owned the building in the early '50s for a while. Roy stopped by recently to drop them off.

The GHS is always looking for items or information of any kind that have to do with Gilead. Every once in a while someone will find an item and even though it may not seem important, it might be to the historical society. That item just might supply the missing piece to a puzzle we might have. Give us a call.

Got any news? Call 836-2397 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Get well wishes go out to Janina Gross who is recovering from a burst appendix.

Also, get well wishes to everybody who has been having the bad cold or flu that is going around. They say it hangs on about forever.

While treating the town roads last week after a storm, D.A. Wilson's truck broke down on the Howard Pond Road. Eventually, after removing the plow the vehicle was towed away.

It has been reported that people have been snowed out and skiing around Howard Pond. Wisely they have not ventured onto the ice.

It sure has been windy and cold, especially toward the end of last year. One of those cold days, perhaps the day before New Year's Eve, we were getting ready for the night

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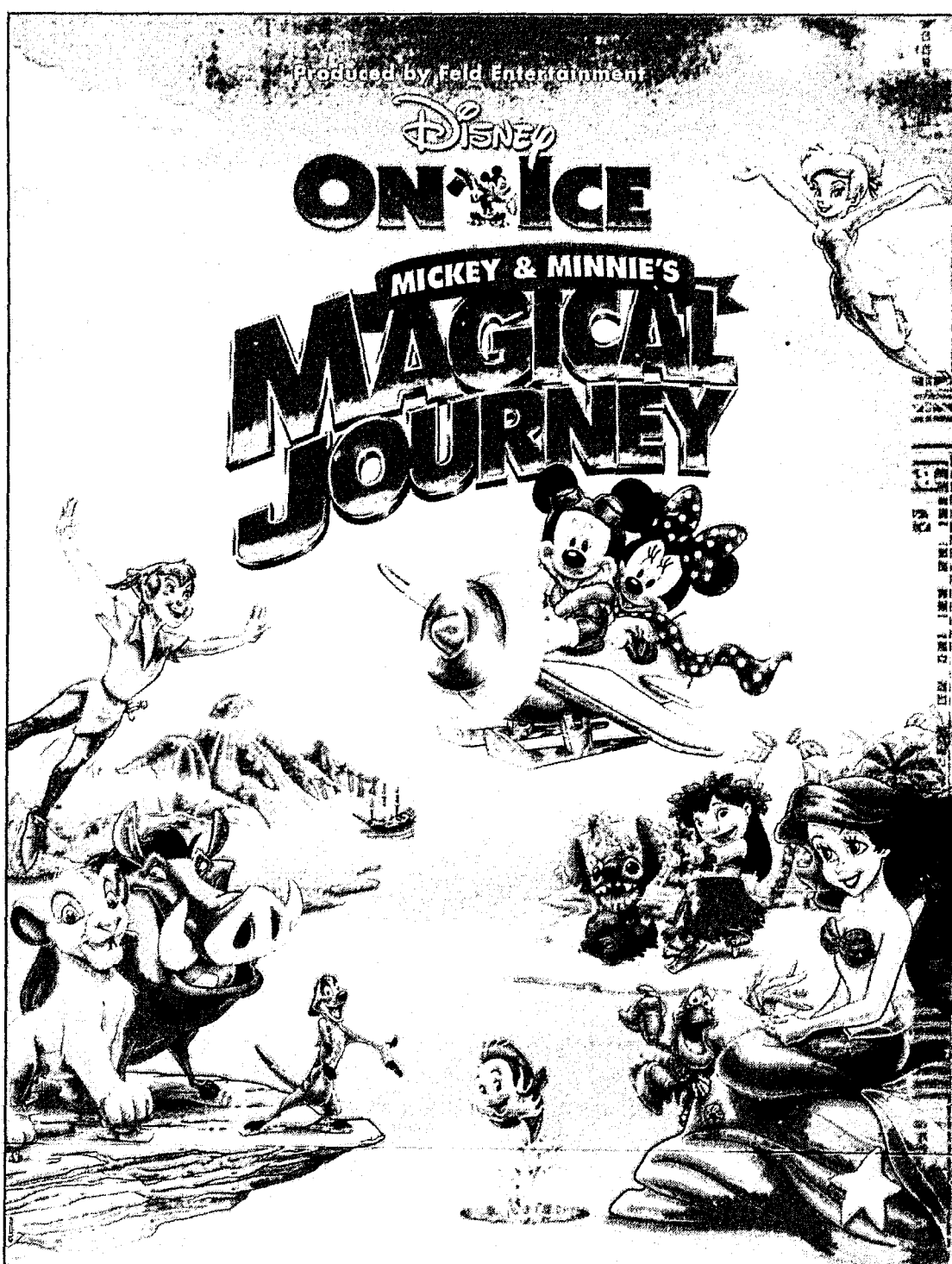
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When KA-Pow went the furnace. It often did that so we didn't think much of it until it went KA-Pow again followed by a string of POWs. We carefully peeked into the furnace room and there were flames shooting out the top of the furnace. Right then the switch got flipped off and to be on the safe side the propane tank was shut off. The next day the servicemen came and just what we figured, the furnace was done for. With the help of CMP and electric heaters we await a new furnace, someday.

In Knights of Pythias news, next Sunday the Executive Council will meet at Boothbay after a four-year lapse from going there for meetings. Because of a Pythian political situation several Grand Lodge members have announced plans to boycott the meeting.

Owners of dogs that were not licensed before Dec. 31 should realize that their licenses have expired and are overdue. A late fee will be assessed after Jan. 31 and you do not want to be paying for the fee after the Animal Control Officer calls on you.

Remember the town of Hanover website, www.hanoverme.org to keep up on events in Hanover on the Bulletin Board. More recent additions include the 2007 and 2008 Tax Commitments and printable versions of the Hanover Tax Maps. Darn interesting!

Greenwood City

by Wayne Hakala
Saturday afternoon fulfilled a wish for Vera

Cross and put many a smile on the face of everyone who attended her 90th birthday party.

The party was held at the Legion hall with over two hundred in attendance. Relatives and friends came together and celebrated Vera's milestone birthday.

Entertainment was provided by Four on a Match, Phil House, and the Richard Felt Band. Four on a Match provided a wonderful rendition of a radio show from a few

years back. The show provided advertisements and songs from the '20s forward to a few years back. Phil House did his magic on the piano that filled the hall and kept everyone tapping their toes and keeping rhythm with their smiles. And, as always, the Richard Felt Band put some couples on their feet and waltzing across the floor. All were greatly appreciated and brought many memories back for Vera.

Thank you to all for making it such a memorable day for Vera!

The turkeys are cleaning out the neighborhood. Cleaned all the berries off the flowering crabapple trees and whatever else is available. The turkeys broke several limbs on my apple trees and have me ready to throw BBs at them again. Did last fall and they stayed away until now. Guess we need to retrain them.

Bingo started again on the 7th of January. We of the Jackson-Silver Post have been very grateful for a little time off over the Christmas season. We all have a good time visiting with all the Bingo players and even taking their abuse when they aren't winning. We really appreciate the players' loyal presence. Looking forward to many a good evening with all our friends.

Till next week, keep the sun on your face and a polka beat in your heart.

East Andover

by Joan Stinson-Carney

Happy 2009! I have made a New Year's resolution to make no New Year resolutions. I always seem to break them by the first day, so I can't see the need to bother with all that guilt anymore.

Congratulations to Marissa Gauvin, Elaine and Hank Morton's granddaughter. Marissa is a senior at Mountain Valley High School and has just received the National Principals' Leadership Award. It is a great honor and will help her with her college tuition.

Thanks to Hope and Victor Peterson I had a great Christmas day. We left early Christmas morning and went to Bos-

ton. I was able to spend the day with my son, Brian, daughter-in-law, Nina, and the two dogs and the cat, and I had a wonderful few hours opening presents, eating Chinese food, and scratching lottery tickets. It was a wonderful day, and I am so grateful that I had a chance to spend it with a part of my family.

My mother, Marjorie Stinson, has arrived back home after her vacation in Michigan. She is delighted to be back and can hardly wait to see her friends again.

East Andover resident Jean White is in Rumford Hospital. Cards would be nice.

Alice Dixon is home recuperating from her operation; phone calls and cards would be nice.

Caution: Stupid Warning Labels: In a chemical lab they use the solvent benzene. In order to erase any doubts as to what is in the bottles, a label fairly shouts "Benzene. Warning! Contains benzene."

On a trip to the grocery store, I chose a brand of dishwasher detergent because the front of the box promised "Fresh Scent." But back home, I noticed that the back of the box warned: "Do not breathe fumes."

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer

Alder River Grange will try for a regular meeting on Jan. 8 at Lynn Mason.

Courtney's home in Sudbury Village, with a 6 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting right after. This is weather permitting.

Lisa Haines with friends visited the Big Apple and Boston last week.

Alan and Rose Wentworth and Abby Pent of Kennebunk visited Neil Olson and Arlene Harrington on Jan. 4.

Judy and Dawson Smith of Surry visited Arlene Harrington one day last week.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Once again to all readers: my very best wishes for a great 2009.

Loirre Hoeh's poem has certainly been enjoyed by me. A great local area spin-off that is most informative as one gets ready for inclement weather or a power outage. Thanks.

In last week's columns there was an error. It should have been "perhaps deer have a sixth sense, or is it that they just don't hear the shots ringing out across the hills to scare them. It's been pretty poor weather conditions for many of us to venture out for lunch or dinner." It was printed "is it that they just don't hear the shots ringing out for lunch or dinner."

Visiting Mo Ginter and Mark Wight recently was his mother, Ethelene Broomhall Wight, who now lives out West. I knew her when I grew up in Rumford. She also ran a store in Bethel when I first moved here.

Last Friday Mark and I met Louise Jonitis and Danny Jonitis-Schwind for a holiday luncheon at Pat's Pizza. We enjoyed our time together and plan to see each other throughout the year. Danny had spent the week with Bob Brown in Hanover before heading back to school this week. Last-minute plans kept Bob from joining us.

Brenda Wight, Dec. 2 and Brad Wight, Dec. 27 both turned "50." Happy Birthday both of you!

Jason, Sarah, Jordan, Payton and Gage Berry went to Connecticut for Christmas this year to be with Sarah's folks.

The Jason Berry family had Christmas at John and Nancy Wight's on Dec. 21 along with Dani Welch, Terri Littlehale, Staci and Jazmyn Littlehale, Ed, Retta, Erin and Jason Powers. Brad, Brenda, Kurt and Kevin Wight.

Christmas Eve guests at the home of John and Nancy

Wight were Brad, Brenda, Katie, Kurt and Kevin Wight, Ed, Retta, Erin and Jason Powers. Terri Littlehale, Staci and Jazmyn Littlehale, Dani Welch.

Mandy Berry called from Florida and Mike Wight called from Arizona to wish everyone Merry Christmas.

The first meeting of the WVSC in 2009 was held on Sunday, Jan. 4, at the Town Office at 7 p.m. Please call Leon or Ed with any questions regarding the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

Mason



by Richard Grover

I finally got my snowmobile started, after inhaling too much engine oil smoke, busting my knuckles getting the battery out, charged and back into the machine.

I took a test drive to check out our family snowmobile/cross-country ski trail which is mostly on "the farm" property. The trail forms a figure eight pattern and runs probably 2 1/2 miles up back to a ridge overlooking Trout Pond. To get there from my place, I have to go past "the farm" buildings, where last Friday much of Rupert's extended family was playing on the hill and riding snowmobiles. Kids were sliding, dads pulling little ones uphill on plastic sleds, dogs barking and snowmobiles humming! I rode part way up the trail and decided that the whole trail had been packed, so I rode back home to get my skis.

Later, Snuffy and I headed around the trail, only to find that all the snowmobiles had turned back without going over the big hill in the second loop. I checked that the brooks were passable, and we headed

home.

Snuffy was lively as a puppy and romped about three times farther than I. But, I had to leash him and walk passing the farm for fear that he would "eat" Jessica's little sheltie dog, who antagonizes Snuffy by barking and growling at him every time he comes near. At least, we got our exercise, and nobody got hurt!

My big present from "Santa" was a plastic snow cab that fits over the handlebars of my Toro snow thrower and hopefully keeps the operator from being buried in snow when using it. I can't wait for the next blizzard!

I keep reading books about the Bush administration's handling of the Iraq war and some of the political ramifications and maneuverings. The Dec. 15, 2008 USA TODAY newspaper had an editorial entitled, "Blame for Abu Ghraib Finally Lands at the Top." This article cites a Senate Armed Services Committee report which "concluded by a 17-0 vote that Rumsfeld and other top Bush administration officials bear direct responsibility for the abuses that so damaged the American interests." Too bad that low-ranking military troops had to shoulder the blame and punishment for Abu Ghraib!

I am also reading a book by George Tenet, former head of the CIA, titled "At the Center of the Storm." This book cites many disastrous decisions made by Rumsfeld, supported by Vice President Cheney and the National Security Council in prosecuting the "reconstruction" in Iraq following the collapse of Saddam's army. These folks refused to listen to advice that they should enlist the assistance of Iraqis who are much more knowledgeable about how to get things done there. Let us pray that the President-elect is much smarter and stronger than our present one.

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Upton



by Laurie Brown

All three selectmen were present at the Dec. 31 meeting. Jim Rector read the warrants which were approved and signed.

On Jan. 13 there will be a state-mandated town hearing to provide citizens with knowledge on the upcoming school referendum. Polls will be open 4 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 27 to vote on the school district reorganization. Both of these events will be at the Town Office.

There will be a budget meeting on Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

AVCOG's test results of the ash pile at our landfill show the debris to contain no hazardous material, which drastically reduces the expense of having it disposed. Cardboard boxes in which to store batteries and light bulbs have been received. The town is required to have the gate locked at all times when an attendant is not present. Therefore, selectmen recommend folks fill a bucket with sand, if needed, when they make their dump run.

The editors would like to have several photos (digital, preferably) from which to choose a couple to enhance the annual Town Report. Please submit your entries on or before the Feb. 11 meeting.

Ben has done his mother proud. Even while spending several days in New York with a N.Y. Yankee-fan-college-friend, he proudly wore his Boston Red Sox hat!

For the third year, the State-line Snowmobile Club is offering calendars for \$8. They're titled "Along Rt. 26," are dedicated to retiring trailmaster Harold Hibbard, and include spectacular scenes in Upton, Newry, Grafton, Errol and of the snowwoman in Bethel. Calendars can be purchased at Bear River Trading Post in Newry, Cote's, Errol General Store, and Northern Exposure restaurant in Errol, and the salon in Upton. Or, call Janet weekends at 533-2080. The club has new shirts and hats for sale as well. For now, at least, contact Den-

nis Casco at casco5@netzero.com for information and purchasing the products. Groomers were busy throughout the weekend.

Why do fly swatters have holes? I'll give you my answer to this "imponderable" next week.

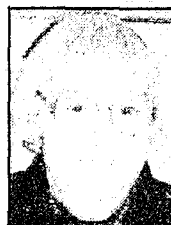
In 1923, the Lombards set a water tub on the town common. It cost \$6.20. Over the years townspeople have worked individually and collectively on the common. I hope you're all thinking about the improvements we can make as a community to make it eye-catching and welcoming, come spring.

In two or three books I read recently, the authors used the word "jury-rigged" to describe something rigged up temporarily. I'd always used the word "jerry-rigged." So, I checked with my friend, Mr. Webster, and was surprised to find neither of those terms in my old book. The word "jerry-built" is there and defined as "1. built cheaply and unsubstantially; 2. carelessly or hastily put together." My dictionary is old, not unlike its owner, so I wonder if "jury-rigged" is a modern version? In Louise Dickinson Rich's day, and in this area, at least, the term with the same meaning was "haywire-rigged." The English language is great! Where else would a "slim chance" and a "fat chance" mean the same thing?

I hope you all enjoy a healthy and happy new year.

Until next week, Selah.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Winter is definitely here for a few months which is what

we expect living here in Maine. There is still ice on the walk and driveway. I do have plenty of sand to make it safe to retrieve the morning paper and the noontime mail.

On Sunday, Jan. 11, the Rev. Richard Beal will have his sermon topic, "Happy Abe." Church is at 9 a.m. followed by a social time. Jim Burke is organist. Church attendance has increased this winter. Several members are in Florida and more will leave this week. The rest of us do get out on Sunday.

All have been staying in or close to home so there is not much news. Please call me if



A BRIGHT FACE ON A FRIGID NIGHT—Children who brought this Chinese dragon to life on the Bethel common New Year's Eve braved single digit temperatures and a strong wind. The kids assembled themselves beneath the beast at the Bethel Fire Station. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

you are active and out.

Beryl Bonney and I did go for a few groceries on Wednesday and had lunch out.

The middle daughter was out shopping last Saturday and called me on her cell phone that she had found Christmas cards she thought I would like.

So I now have three boxes which should be enough for next year. Now is the time to shop for next Christmas, if one has any money left from this year.

As usual Muffin is watching me type, so any mistakes in my spelling I can blame on her. She would like to get involved.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Whitman Memorial Library will have their monthly program today

(Jan. 8). The Forestdale School children will play the chimes. This program was cancelled in December because of a storm. They do an excellent job so be sure to attend. Time is 2 p.m., no charge, everyone is invited and there will be light refreshments.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at

9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6. On Sunday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m., Chris and Lois Tignor, our missionaries to Ecuador will be at this service. Jan. 20 is the annual business meeting. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting at 6:30.

Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will meet on Monday, Jan. 12, for installation of officers at the home of Alice Hoyt.

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas; we did. There were 11 people at the Ken Hoyt's at noon and 18 people in the afternoon, so we were busy all day.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the town conference room on Jan. 1 with 12 members present. It was a cold and windy day but warm inside and a good time was enjoyed. A delicious potluck dinner was held and followed by a silent auction. Next

meeting will be Feb. 5 at the town conference room and a silent auction held.

The Billings' family had a nice Christmas and Larry says he got what he asked for. He wants to thank the House family and Annella Burnham for the Christmas gifts. The Historical Society hopes 2009 will prove to be a rewarding year for all of you and our country as a whole.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township.

My, what crazy weather! The wind was just fierce here on top of the hill over the weekend, and everywhere else it seemed.

We had to take Dyana back to college on Saturday, and the wind was just pushing our truck along. The sunshine was very nice, but, it made it feel as though it should have been warmer.

We hope that everyone out there had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Dyana was home for the holidays, but, wanted to go back early to visit with friends at college.

We know how tough things are right now, and hope that despite all of the bad news coming our way, that everyone was able to find the joy and love of Christmas, and the renewal spirit of the New Year.

Best wishes for a happy and safe New Year. God Bless and Keep!

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

I am writing this early so if it gets lost this week I can try sending it again. We shall see.

David gave me a new computer and it has Vista, but no floppy drive. I got a floppy on Friday and will try to send it from there. Hopefully it will go through just fine.

Hopefully all had happy holidays. To all a very Happy New Year. Although world news is not great, we can only hope that in 2009 all will be better.

This year has started out cold and snow will be here shortly. Wednesday they call for snow. Seems like a remake of last winter where every Wednesday it snows. We shall see what actually happens.

David tried to convince my doctor to send me to Boston,

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on January 12, 2009 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License Renewal and an Entertainment Permit Renewal from The Briar Lea Inn & Restaurant located on 150 Mayville Road. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org.
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"but she said she doesn't know anyone there. Maybe someone else does. It is obvious that no one I've seen seems to be sure why I can still not speak above a whisper. It was a real problem on Wednesday. Dave and I worked and there was no room for trash on the lower level and we had to tell everyone to go up top. I had to run after more men who weren't looking, just set on getting to their favorite dumpster. I couldn't holler to them as I can't speak up. So I had to run up to car after car and ask them to pull up to the dumpsters up top. All that because our other dumpsters hadn't been emptied. Of course, I remember that being a part of the agreement that they could be emptied Saturday night of Christmas and New Year's weeks. Guess they didn't get the memo. In any case I must have walked at least ten miles chasing after cars. I'm sure that by now all has been emptied.

Jan. 9-19 the Bethel Winterfest will be here. Spectacular snow and ice sculptures will be made and seen on Bethel Common. FMI call Bethel Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282. There will be other events throughout the region. Check today's paper for details.

There are programs all month of January at Waterford Library. Friday, the 17th at 10:30, there will be a gardening lecture and symposium.

On Monday, the 19th from 2 to 4 there will be a knitting group meeting. I should go to that and maybe I'd start knitting again.

Jan. 22 at Waterford Library the bridge group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the library. They meet every fourth Monday. ss FMI call 583-2729.

The price of gas seems to be rising again. It actually varies from place to place. We saw it for \$1.69, \$1.71 and \$1.77. We went for the \$1.69. Dave bought gas for his gas cans so we can fill the snowplow and the Bobcat. Not to mention the chainsaw. He also bought kerosene, which costs slightly more.

I will end here and hope this works this week. I don't believe that it is any problem with the computer, but probably just the operator. Have a great week. Stay warm and stay safe.



HANLEY & ASSOCIATES ANNOUNCE NEW ATTORNEY—Hanley & Associates announced recently that Attorney Jarrod Crockett has joined the law firm as an associate. A native of Bethel with roots in the area, Attorney Crockett will be based out of the firm's Bethel office. He is a 1996 graduate of Gould Academy, who received his B.S. from Radford University in 1999 and his J.D. from the Appalachian School of Law in 2006. Crockett previously served as a Captain (Infantry) in the U.S. Army and is currently a member of the Maine Army National Guard. His military service includes an 18-month tour of duty in Afghanistan where he received a Bronze Star Medal and a Combat Infantryman Badge. Crockett is also the current state Representative for District 91. He is a general practitioner but will concentrate in the areas of real estate, landlord/tenant, general civil litigation, business and estate planning. Hanley & Associates and its affiliate, Oxford Title, have offices in Stone Mountain Professional Building on Main Street in Bethel and Market Square in South Paris.

dies of the Mop," which featured Roberta Taylor, Carole Timberlake, Tineke Ouwinga and Rosabelle Tift, and "Boy Toy" featuring Mary Kay Colbath, Sharon Lyon and Carol Campbell along with the television actors, Carole Timberlake, Lynn Mason and Joe Arizzi.

Lynn Arizzi also participated in New Year's Bethel playing piano for a festive sing-along at Moses Mason House later in the evening.

Program on Home Exercises to Help De-Stress
Jan Salis, PT, ATC, manager of the Physical Rehabilitation Department at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway, will help people learn how to get started with an exercise program at home and stick with it at a workshop on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 10:30 to 12 noon at Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street. (Snow date, Jan. 17.)

The program is one of a continuing series of workshops planned by the To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) on how to de-stress your life. In her workshop, "How to Add Exercise to Your Life as a De-Stressor," Jan will discuss the

components of an exercise program that will help people feel better. "It'll include aerobic conditioning, muscle flexibility, muscle strength and improved balance — all of which can be done in your own home," Jan said. "Come prepared to participate," she adds.

Jan is well qualified to lead this workshop with experience as an athletic trainer since 1979, physical therapist since 1987, and her management position at Stephens Memorial Hospital since 1990.

The workshop is sponsored as a community service by WMSC, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education, and WayneDuPlessis, counselor. The public is invited and admission is free.

Watch for more information on the final program in this series, "Healthy Eating on a Budget," which will be held in the spring with the collaboration of local participating restaurants.

For more information, call R. Tift at 824-2053.

Winterim Newsletter
Newsletters outlining winter courses, programs, and a special member survey were mailed to WMSC members this week. Multi-session courses which include Explorations in Spirituality, Creative Writing and the History and Enjoyment of Music will start the week of Jan. 19. In addition, there's a new "Mac Users Group" being planned. You'll also find information on Down Home Maine and the continuing To Your Health Series. Details on the WMSC Second Annual Community "Soup Swap" to be held Friday, Feb. 27, are also included. Non-members interested in receiving a copy of the newsletter may call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

From Oxford County Republicans

Oxford County Republicans will meet at the Norway Masonic Hall on Temple Street (just off Main Street behind the Post Office) on Jan. 13 beginning with a 5:30 p.m. social hour, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the business meeting where election of officers for 2009/10 will be held.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate, but nominations also may be made from the floor. All area Republicans are urged to attend.

From Cross Country Quilters

This is the year for the Cross Country Quilters bi-annual Quilt Show at the Middle In-

tervale Meeting House.

The winter is a great time to get your quilts ready for June. All quilters in the area are invited to display along with quilts by members.

The show will be held Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, 2009.

For information, contact either Kathy Thrall at 824-3111 or Ginger Kelly at 824-2686.

From Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats will host two Inauguration weekend events to honor our great volunteers and to celebrate the Inauguration of President Barack Obama and Vice-president Joe Biden. The events will be held in Rumford on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Eagles Hall, 1 to 3:30 p.m., and in South Paris on Monday, Jan. 19, at Tuscan Hall (former racquetball club on Route 26), 4 to 6:30 p.m.

The Rumford party will feature a lunch, and the South Paris a buffet of snacks and hors d'oeuvres. Attendees can count on a good time, good food, and chance to celebrate.

The special guests at the Rumford party will be Commissioner of Economic and Community Development John Richardson and Maine Democratic Party Vice-chair Marianne Stevens, and former Attorney General Steve Rowe will be the special guest at the South Paris party.

According to Oxford County Democratic Party Chair Cathy Newell, attendees at the parties will receive a special bookmark commemorating the Inauguration and the 2008 Oxford Democrats election slate. "This item is being designed by Rick Tenney, a summer resident of Harrison, and will be available to those attending the parties," Newell stated. The parties are open to all who worked on electing Democrats, and those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 875-2116 or e-mailing cathyn@megalink.net.

There will be a service project in honor of Martin Luther King Day featuring a collection of donations for local food pantries. Please bring non-perishable items or cash.

The January election of Oxford County Democrats officers for 2009-2010 will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Eagles Hall in Rumford following the party. The chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer will be elected for two-year terms. This will be the only business item and an organizational meeting for the 2010 campaign cycle will be held in February.

From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Despite brutally cold weather, the 11th annual New Year's Bethel attracted several hundred enthusiastic participants beginning with the community potluck supper, followed by the dragon parade, four venues, Judy Lee's fun-filled family show, the State Street Jazz Band, Senior Players, Ti'Acadie's contra dance, and finally ending with the community sing-along with Lynn Arizzi at the piano.

The community bonfire for marshmallow roasting was cancelled due to the high wind and the bell ringing also was not held in light of the extremely cold temperatures.

Sponsors for the 11th annual New Year's Bethel at the following levels were Patron (\$200 or more), Friend (\$100-\$199) or Contributor (\$5-\$99) level.

This list was featured in all publicity connected with this popular event and was posted at each venue throughout the evening.

More than \$2,000 in sponsorships was raised from the following: Patron: Kenneth and Gwyneth Bohr, Bethel; Walter and Carol Hatch, Bethel; Richard C. Valentine; Café DiCocoa's Market and Bakery; Friend: Lynn and Joe Arizzi, Bethel; David and Terry Miles, Rumford, R.I.; Gail and Bill Frongillo, Bethel; Norway Savings Bank; Contributor: Dorothy Bartlett, Bethel; Bonnama Potters, Bethel; Brooks Bros., Bethel; Rosemary Bunn, Bethel; Harry and Elaine Dresser, Bethel; Good Food Store, Bethel; Lorie and Richard Hoeh, Albany Township; Stan Howe, Bethel; Ron and Marguerite Kendall, Bethel; Lynn Z. Kulik, Bethel; Chris P. Longley, Albany Township; Rachel MacKay, Bethel; Barbara Mahler, Bethel; Nancy Mercer, Beth-

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Gifts in kind were made by the Maine Press of Rumford and McDonald's of South Paris.

Thanks are also due Maine Line Products, the Bethel Citizen, and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for selling advance tickets.

Many volunteers helped with this event including Jim Mitchell, Tom Talari-co, Jackie Van Leuven, Lucia and Eric Schwarz, Marvin Ouwinga, Gene and Ginger Kelly, Seabury Lyon, Ted and Linda Davis, Bonnie Pooley, Hal Mahon and Sylvia Vander Sluis, Bob and Barbara Dion, Walter Hatch, Susan Herlihy, Allen Cressy, Rosabelle Tift, Dean Walker, David Walker, and Gary Inman.

Much appreciation is extended to all the sponsors and volunteers for making possible this affordable, chemical-free community festival for all ages.

With over 1,400 members, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations.

For over 40 years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. In 1974, the society acquired the former Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library.



NEW MT. ABRAM GENERAL MANAGER—Tricia Johnson is the new general manager at Mt. Abram Winter Resort. Johnson formerly worked for owner Matt Hancock (left), at Hancock Land for 10 years.

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On Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 a.m. the Waterford Library will offer a garden program for anyone interested in an exchange of gardening ideas and in sharing seed orders from diverse catalogs with other local gardeners.

Shared seed orders will allow participants to try new varieties and small plantings without buying many more seeds than needed. Several seed catalogs will be available for browsing. Participants are encouraged to bring catalogs and share any experiences they have had ordering from various sources.

Jane Traill, an experienced gardener and a graduate of both the Master Gardener programs offered by the University of Maine, will be the facilitator. If there is an interest, this may develop into an ongoing program.

Participants will also be able to examine the extensive collection of garden books available in the Waterford Library thanks to an endowment created in memory of Sheena Fraser, a native of England, Waterford resident

and avid gardener. This special collection in the Waterford Library now contains more than a hundred books on landscaping, vegetable gardening, perennials and annuals, including practical advice for both the master and the beginning gardener.

From

Western Foothills Land Trust

The Morton Kelly Charitable Trust has awarded the Western Foothills Land Trust a \$5,000 grant toward the acquisition of the 150-acre Roberts Farm Preserve in Norway.

As the Trust winds down its original Roberts Farm Preserve fundraising campaign, it has made the commitment to purchase an adjacent 10.5-acre parcel from the Technology Park Development Corporation: WFLT signed a 180-day/\$40,000 Purchase and Sales agreement with TPDC in December.

The Land Trust is purchasing the property (part of the original 161-acre parcel) to protect additional habitat, provide additional kilometers of trails, and allow for an alternative maintenance access.

School Lunch Week of Jan. 12

Telstar/Middle School Lunches

Monday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potato/gravy, Italian bread, chef salad, hot dog/roll, cheeseburger/bun, pizza choices.

Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar with buffalo chicken and roast beef, chef salad, chicken burger/bun, pizza choices.

Wednesday: Pasta bar, meat sauce, Bosco stick, pasta salad, chef salad, ham Hoagie, pizza choices.

Thursday: Make your own sandwich bar. Taco burger bake, wheat roll, peas and carrots, homemade cookie, chef salad, hot dog/roll, pizza choices.

Friday: Brunch for lunch. Pancakes, hash brown, sausage links, juice, chicken burger/bun, cheeseburger/bun, pizza choices.

Four fruit and vegetables choices daily. Veggie burgers available daily.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Hot meatball sub, potato Starz, chicken burger/roll, pb&j.

Tuesday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potato/gravy, green beans, pb&j.

Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, pasta salad, pb&j.

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese, ham sticks, wheat dinner roll, homemade cookie, hot dog/roll, pb&j.

Friday: Brunch for lunch. Pancakes, sausage, juice, hash brown, cheeseburger/bun, pb&fluff.

Sports



GOULD ACADEMY senior Michaela Cummings of Bethel moves around a pick set by teammate Kate Smith of Hanover in a recent game against Rangeley. (Photo: D. MacKnight/Gould Academy)

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Winthrop 71, Telstar 65; Jan. 3—Telstar scorers: Gundersen 2; Vaughn 11; Philbrick 2; Kimball 8; O'Connor 1; Field 16; Putnam 23; Howard 2.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 55, Livermore 52; Jan. 5—Telstar scorers: T.J. O'Connor 17 (11 rebounds); Dan Whitney 12; Corey Howard 11 (9 rebounds); Elek Pew 10 (6 rebounds). "The Rebels had four players in double figures and improved their record to 4-3 with a hard-fought win over Livermore," said Coach David Berry.

Winthrop 53, Telstar 46; Jan. 3—Dan Whitney scored 17 points and T.J. O'Connor 10. Whitney had seven rebounds. "With a three-point lead after three quarters, the Rebels could only muster five points in the fourth quarter," said Coach David Berry.

Telstar 55, Madison 46; Dec. 23—Telstar scorers: Dan Whitney 20 (4 assists); T.J. O'Connor 12 (8 rebounds); Corey Howard 6 (9 rebounds); Devin Vail 5.

Boothbay 78, Telstar 52; Dec. 20—Telstar scorers: Corey Howard 16 (10 rebounds); Dan Whitney 12; Elek Pew 8; Ridge

Latham 6 (8 rebounds); T.J. O'Connor 6. "The Rebels were up by 3 at the half, but got into foul trouble and gave up 31 points in the third quarter," said Coach David Berry.

Mt. Valley 59, Telstar 31; Dec. 18—Telstar scorers: Josh Bellinger 6; T.J. O'Connor 6; Corey Howard 5 (5 rebounds); Dan Whitney 5.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 33, Boothbay 31; Dec. 30—Telstar's Emma Davis hit a three pointer with less than 30 seconds to play to put the Lady Rebels ahead for the first time in the game, and the team held on for the victory. Kayla Merrill scored 9 points, Emma Davis scored 7, Cheyanne Day added 7, Brianna Douglass 6, and Lyndsay Merrill 4 points in the balanced offensive attack. Brianna Douglass also hauled down 11 rebounds in the contest.—Coach Kelly Dole

Winthrop 42, Telstar 26; Jan. 3—Telstar's defense held the 5-2 Ramblers to 42 points, but came up short on the offensive end before losing 36-42 against Winthrop. Cheyanne Day led the Rebel attack with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Kayla Merrill added 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 steals. Emma Davis added 5 points to the Rebel cause. —Coach Kelly Dole

High School Boys' Cross-country Skiing

5km freestyle at Turner, Jan. 3. Telstar placed 12th of 20 teams. Winning time: 11:31.2. Telstar racers: 42. Brown 14:46.2; 69. Lewis 15:55.1; 87. Chapman 16:50.1; 90. Lewis 16:56.4; 137. Annis 19:03.4; 138. Keane 19:05.4.

Leavitt Classic, 5km Skate; Jan. 3. Gould racers: 4. Peter Cowan; 12. Jeb Clarke (out of 163 boys).

Rangeley Opener, 5km Skate; Dec. 27. Gould racers: Boys: 1. Peter Cowan.

High School Girls' Cross-country Skiing

5K freestyle at Turner, Jan. 3. Telstar placed 15th of 18 teams. Winning time: 14:08.9. Telstar racers: 46. Keane 18:38.4; 66. Keane 20:40.0; 93. Bonney 23:43.1; 99. Hotopp 25:08.2.

Leavitt Classic, 5km Skate; Jan. 3. Gould racers: 16. Molly Siegel; 22. Samantha Southam (out of 116 girls).

Rangeley Opener, 5m Skate; Dec. 27. Gould racers: 4. Alice Hotopp; 6. Molly Siegel; 9. Samantha Southam.

USASA Snowboarding

Mt. Abram, Giant Slalom; Jan. 3. Gould racers:

Youth Men 14-15: 3. Jonathan Scheidegger; 4. Evan Gorski; 6. James Abbott.

Junior (16-17): 3. Conor McCarthy; 6. Kevin Keough.

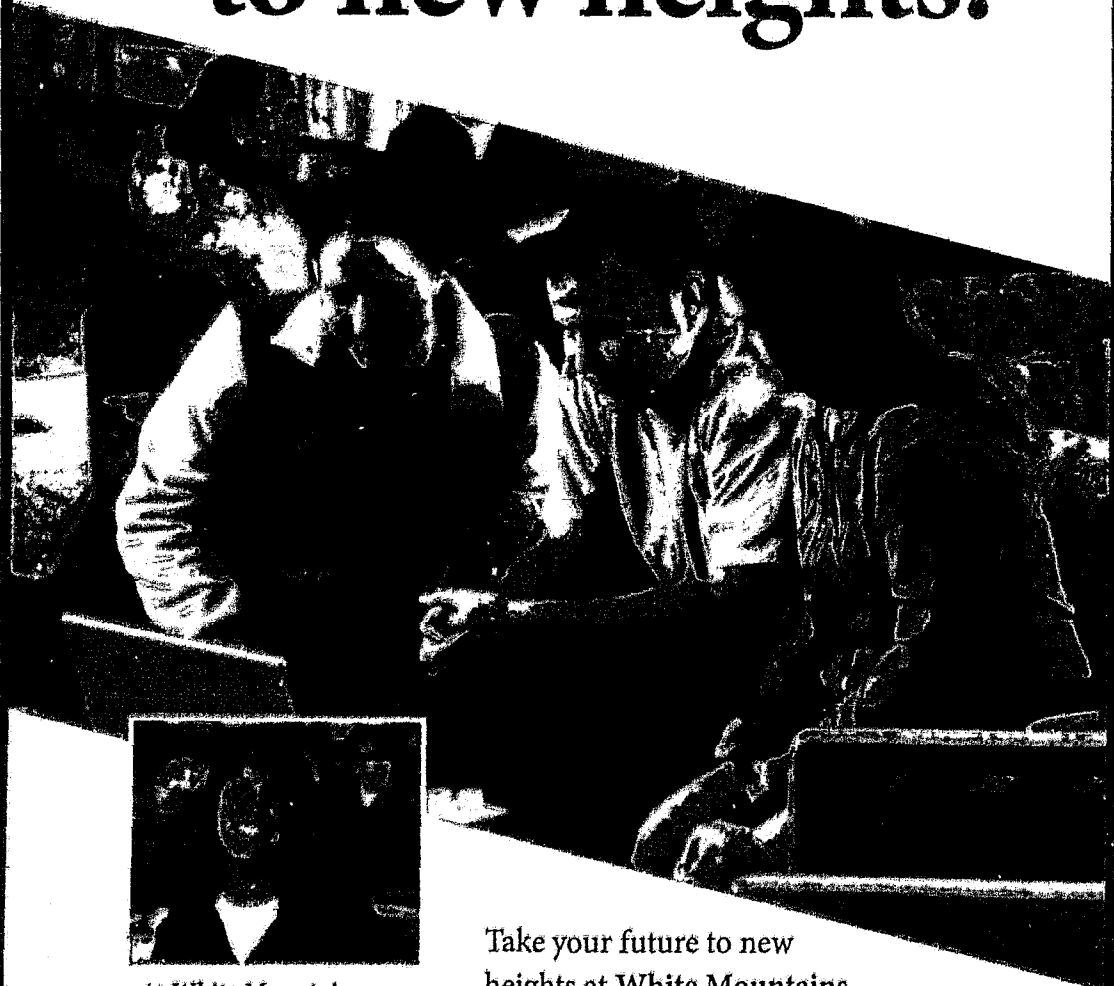
12-13 Girls: 4. Olivia Leatherwood.

12-13 Boys: 1. Shea McCarthy.

14-15 Men: 4. Jonathan Scheidegger; 5. Evan Gorski; 6. James Abbott.

Summary: With this being the first event for us at Mt Abram, the team was unfamiliar with the terrain. This didn't stop them riding well and bringing home some good results. — from Gould sports reports

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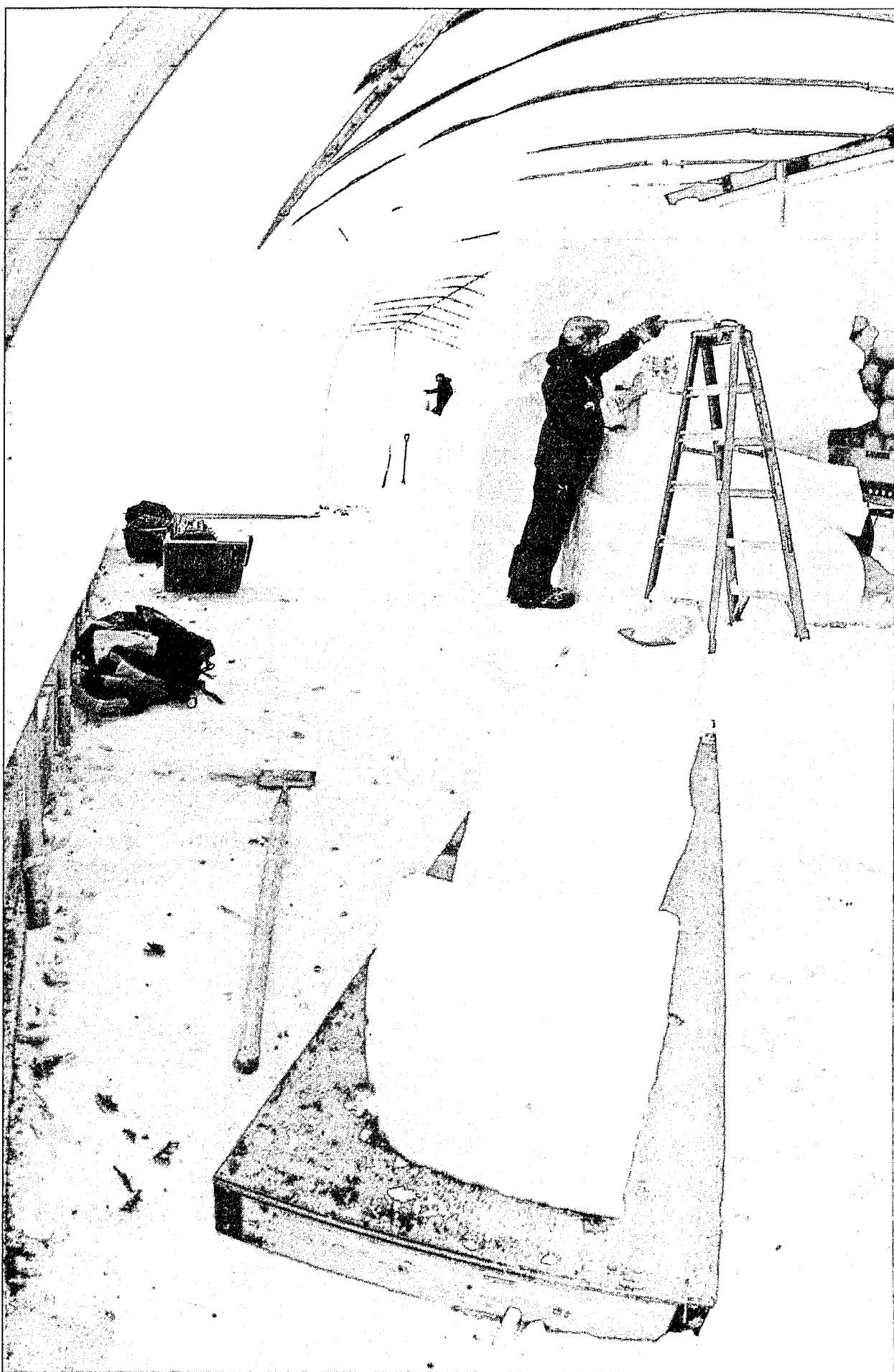
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Common creatures



Carvers have been working this week on a snow sculpture display that is scheduled to open to the public Friday night on the Bethel common. Left, under the hand of sculptor Pete Lucchetti (foreground), a moose on an ATV takes shape, while in the background Mike Lane crafts a family of waterskiing bears. Below, a tool of the trade. Right, a bespectacled bear nears completion. The inside of the tent will be blackened and the sculptures illuminated for the exhibition. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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The team that won the prestigious International Snow Sculpting Event at the Quebec Winter Carnival last year, Team Yukon Canadian Champions, has carved two of the largest sculptures for WinterFest. One depicts three bears having fun waterskiing and the other has a moose riding an ATV getting ready to jump over another ATV. For a fee, one may sit on this sculpture for a great photo opportunity! This team travels around the world carving snow and ice. Bethel is its first 2009 stop.
Besides viewing the sculptures, there will be free shows by the Maine Snow and Ice Sculpting Foundation. These shows will be on the snow stage next to the tent where carvers will demonstrate their craft. The shows are Saturday and Sunday, January 10 & 11 and January 17 & 19 at 10am, 1pm, and 4pm. Also, dress the field of snowpeople looking for help with the latest winter fashions!
Admission, January 9-19, 2009 (more details below):
\$3 - adults
\$2 - ages 13 to 18 and seniors 65+
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Free - ages 3 & under
FMI see www.bethelmaine.com/events/bethel-winterfest-2009
and www.mainesnowandice.com
**January 9-19
SCULPTURE VIEWING SCHEDULE:**
Friday, January 9: Grand opening to the public. 5-10pm.
Saturday, January 10: 10am-10pm.
Sunday - Thursday, January 11-15: 10am-7pm.
Fri., Sat., Sun., January 16-18: 10am-10pm.
Monday, January 19: 10am-7pm. Last viewing!

MORE WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES
Jan. 9-19: EVERY DAY!
Decorate the snowpeople on the common.
S.S. Milton - Early Bird Dinner Specials from 5 to 6pm. Dinner entrees starting at \$9.95. Hot cider included.
Free ice skating at the Bethel Inn Resort tennis court. Skate rentals available at ski shop.
Free sledding behind the Bethel Inn Resort. Bring your own sleds.
Help build a snowpeople forest on the Bethel Inn side lawn (Mill Hill side). BYOA - Bring your own accessories to dress your snowperson. Let's make a big snowpeople forest for all to enjoy!
Cross-country skiing at The Bethel Inn Resort: 9:00am-4:30pm. \$18. XC or snowshoe rentals available.
Ski-Swim-Stupa package at The Bethel Inn Resort: 8:00am-4:30pm. \$24. Enjoy the heated outdoor pool!
Free coffee while you shop along with a free sample of fudge at Maine Line Products, 23 Main Street. Special sales throughout out the Bethel store. 824.2522.
Fri., Sat., Jan 9-10
25% off all rooms for direct bookings at the Chapman Inn. Must mention WinterFest special.
(Jan. 9 & 10 only) Across from the common and the sculptures. 824.2657. www.chapmaninn.com Please see web promotions for further details.
Sat., Jan. 10: (Winter Trails Day)
Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn Resort. Snowshoe Tour, 2:30-3:30pm. \$15. 824.6276.
Carter's XC Ski Center, Rt. 26, Oxford & Intervale Rd., Bethel, 2 ski for the price of 1 after 2:00pm. \$39.4848.
Sunday River Inn Cross Country Ski Center. Skiway Rd., Newry. Demo XC skis and snowshoes for free from 1:00pm on! 824.2410.
Schlavi Saturday Sessions quilting workshop with Kathy Thrall from The Quilt Shop at the Rostay. 1:30-3:00 PM. Hands-on discussion, answers to technical questions, and help for beginners. Materials provided or bring your own quilt and questions. Free. Schlavi Home Builders, 163 Mayville Road. 824.4600.
Saturday, Jan. 10 evening activities in the village:
Mt. Mann Jewelers, 57 Main Street. 824.3030.
Phillbrook Place, 162 Main Street. 824.8697.
Ruthie's, 88 Main Street. 824.2989.
Spirit Wings, 14 Main Street. 824.2204.
Wild Rose, 111 Main Street. 824.3563.
These merchants will have special hours: open 10am-8pm.
Sleigh rides with Deepwood Farm at The Bethel Inn Resort. 5:00-7:30pm. \$15-adults / \$12-ages 3 to 10 / Free-under 3. Reservations taken at the Bethel Inn front desk - 824.2175.
DiCoco's "Gentle Dining" featuring food from Provence, France. By reservation only - 8:45pm seating. Five-course dinner - BYOB - \$43pp. 125 Main Street (purple eggplant sign). 824.5282.
Sat. & Sun., Jan. 10-11
Free hour-long ice carving demos on the snow stage on the village common. 10am / 1pm / 4pm.
Guided walking tours through Bethel Historic District. 11:00am. \$2 donation requested. 824.2908.
Moses Mason House historical tours at Bethel Historical Society. 2:00pm. \$3 donation requested. 824.2908.
Snowperson building on the Bethel Historical Society side lawn for all.
Italian Happy Hour. Come into DiCoco's Market after 3pm on weekends and get 50 cents off any espresso drink. Drink like an Italian! 125 Main Street. 824.5282.
Sun., Jan. 11
Snowshoe Demo Day. Free demo day at True North Adventurewear. 11:00am to 3:30pm. A variety of snowshoes will be available to try out. Participants can tramp around in the deep snow in the field or go on a short trail hike. Free hot chocolate and other treats will be served. 824.2201.
Mon. - Fri., Jan. 12-16
Children's Festival Week at Sunday River Ski Resort is for the young and the young at heart. Kids can ski, stay, rent, and learn all for free! 824.3000.
Perfect Turn - Scavenger Hunts and group activities within classes at Sunday River Ski Resort. Snow Treasure Island Hunt.
Mon. - Thurs., Jan. 12-15
Free Hotel Activities at the Jordan Grand and Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. Noon-2:00pm; 4:00-6:00pm. Games & Crafts, etc.
Mon., Jan. 12
Welcome Party at South Ridge Lodge at Sunday River Ski Resort. 6:30-8:30pm.
Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series: PolStar Fire Dance Production at Sunday River Ski Resort: 7:00pm, free admission. Glow Light Parade. Children will ski down South Ridge glowing head to toe.
Fireworks Celebration at Sunday River Ski Resort. 8:30pm.
Tues., Jan. 13
Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series with Hot Pans 'n' Butter at the Grand Summit Ballroom at Sunday River Ski Resort. 7:00pm. An amazing night with songs of pop, jazz, rock, Latin, and more. Winners of Parents' Choice Award, this duo will have you on your feet the entire show. Tickets are \$4/advance; \$6/door (12 and under), \$6/advance; \$8/door (adults).
Tues. - Thurs., Jan. 13-15
Tent Night Out at the Jordan Grand and Grand Summit Hotels at Sunday River Ski Resort. 7:00-9:30pm. Hang out and have some fun with video games, music, snacks, drinks, and a movie.
Wed., Jan. 14
Mt. Mann Jewelers, 57 Main Street, Bethel. Free Mica Ornament Making. 12 noon-5pm. Donations accepted for Rotary polio eradication fund. 824.3030.
Free Family Festival Night at the Summit Grand Ballroom at Sunday River Ski Resort. 5:00-9:00pm. Bounce House - Face Painting and crafts - Fuse Beads and Sand Art activity - Family games - Scavenger Hunt. Kids' Night Out at the River House. 5:00-8:00pm. Kids ages 5-12, fun night of pizza, games, and a movie. \$10. Reservations required - call 824.5939 by 2:00pm the day of.
Thurs., Jan. 15
Easy as Pie! DiCoco's Cooking Class. Learn the techniques necessary to make a quick puff pastry and pate brisee. See how easy a rustic apple & pear galette is to assemble. Edible education! 6-8:30pm. 125 Main Street, Bethel (purple eggplant sign). \$29pp or bring a friend and save - 2/\$53. Must pre-register and pay by Tuesday prior to the class. 824.5282.
Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn Resort. Snowshoe Tour, 2:30-3:30pm. \$15. 824.6276.
Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series with Mad Science at the Grand Summit Ballroom at Sunday River Ski Resort. 7:00pm. A spectacular show with impressive science experiments. Audience members become mad scientists as they help with the experiment at hand. Tickets \$4/advance; \$6/door (12 and under), \$6/advance; \$8/door (adults).
Sat., Jan. 17
Schlavi Saturday Sessions spinning demonstration with Delores Heeh. 1:30-3:00pm. Demonstration is indoors and weather permitting! Maureen Libby will have apices in the parking lot for folks to enjoy. Free and open to the public. Schlavi Home Builders, 163 Mayville Road. 824.4600.
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Events Calendar

9 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 8:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Jan. 8

1 p.m. - **Region 9 School of Applied Technology Ribbon Cutting/Open House** at 377 River Road, Mexico. Tour new facility following ceremony until 7 p.m. Light refreshments. Snow date: Jan. 14.

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library** December program rescheduled. Forestdale School students will give program of chimes. Free and open to public. Light refreshments.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Arts Council** presents Alloy Orchestra at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium. The silent film "The General," directed by Buster Keaton, is brought to life with a score written and performed by a three-man orchestra using found instruments, percussion and state-of-the-art electronics. FMI: www.alloyorchestra.com.

Friday, Jan. 9

Annual Wine Tasting hosted by Black Mountain of Maine at 39 Glover Road, Rumford (364-8977). Light fare with wines. Musical by Peter Koch. Price: \$25.

January 9 thru 19

Bethel WinterFest. Spectacular ice and snow sculptures on Bethel Common. Check updates on sculpting at www.mainesnowandice.com or see schedule at www/bethelmaine.com/events/bethel-winterfest-2009. Sponsored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce (824-2282). Other winter events will be held throughout the region.

Saturday, Jan. 10

10:30 to 12 noon - **"How to Add Exercise to Your Life as a De-Stressor"** by Jan Salis, PT, ATC, Mgr. Physical Rehab Department, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, at Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Snow date

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disappointment or needless inconvenience.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting: Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Speaker/Discussion Meeting: Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting: Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2666, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Darcy Lund at 739-2888.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 8-9pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2.

Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

Jan. 17. Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Ed., Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. Public invited. Admission free. FMI: 824-2053.

5 p.m. on - **Welcome Home from Iraq for SPC Keith Alan Walley** at The Funky Red Barn, 19 Summer Street, Bethel. Potluck Supper 5 to 6:30 p.m. Bring favorite dish and celebrate Keith's return. Live band, Myth, 7 to 8 p.m. followed by No-Name Band. FMI or to RSVP: call Denise (665-2343), Stephanie (665-2486) or Funky Red Barn (824-3003).

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Benefit Supper** for Josephine "Jo" Bradeen of Auburn, who will be at Tufts Medical Center, Boston, two to four weeks, at Grace Fellowship Church, Poplar Street, Oxford. Roast pork loin dinner (\$10 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under. FMI or to make a donation: call Pastor Waterhouse (674-2733) or Pastor Parsons (539-9064).

6:30 p.m. - **Fourth annual Greg Waite Memorial Race** at Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. FMI: call 364-8977.

Sunday, Jan. 11

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Free Snowshoe Demo Day** at True North Adventureware, Route 26, Bethel. Free hot chocolate and other treats. FMI: call 824-2201 or e-mail adventureware@mac.com.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Reiki Level I**, an introduction to ancient healing method for reducing stress and promoting relaxation. Cost: \$100 with \$50 deposit due four days before class by telephone to SpiritWings at 824-2204. FMI: visit www.spiritwingsbethel.com.

2 p.m. - **Tim Sample**, Maine's famous humorist and storyteller, will entertain at St. Kieran Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$12 and \$6 at door. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit www.stkieranarts.org.

Monday, Jan. 12

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning Workshop** (free) at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI or to register: (800) 281-3703 or visit http://meoc.maine.edu.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Breastfeeding Your Newborn** class at Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway for new and experienced mothers. Free. FMI or to register: call 743-1562 ext 380.

January 1 thru 16

Children's Festival at Sunday River Ski Resort. Welcome party, fireworks and torchlight parade, scavenger hunts, ice skating and snow tubing at White Cap Fun Center, special concert: Hot Peas N' Butter, and much more. FMI: Call (800) 542-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

7:30 a.m. - **McLaughlin Garden's Boston Museum Trip.** Fee: \$60 members, \$65 non-members. Pre-registration required (743-8820), and choose museum at same time. Fee includes round-trip and admission to one museum. Lunch on your own.

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Republicans** meeting at Norway Masonic Hall, Temple Street. Social hour, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and business meeting following. Nominating Committee will present a slate. All Republicans urged to attend.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Family Entertainment:** "Hot Peas N' Butter" at the Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, Sunday River. Tickets: \$4 in advance and \$6 at door (12 and under); \$6 advance/\$8 door (age 12 plus). Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** dinner/meeting at Sudbury Inn. Price of dinner is \$10. Dues (\$3) payable at this meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 15

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Family Entertainment:** "Mad Science" at the Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, Sunday River. Tickets: \$4 in advance and \$6 at door (12 and under); \$6 advance/\$8 door (age 12 plus). Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Friday, Jan. 16

Tipanic Steel Drum/Band Caribbean Night at Black Mountain of Maine Lodge, Rumford. 5 p.m. happy hour and dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets: \$15 dinner and entertainment or \$8 entertainment only. Wear your best tropical wear. FMI: 364-8977 or e-mail bmominfo@roadrunner.com or visit www.skiblackmountain.org.

Saturday, Jan. 17

10:30 a.m. - **Garden Program** at Waterford Library for anyone interested in exchanging gardening ideas and sharing seed orders from diverse catalogs. Participants encouraged to bring catalogs.

1 to 3:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** will host celebration to honor volunteers and to celebrate Inauguration of President Barack Obama and Vice-president Joe Biden, in Rumford at the Eagles Hall. Lunch served. Open to all volunteers who worked electing Democrats. RSVP by calling 875-2116 or e-mailing cathyn@megalink.net. Following party, chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer elected for two-year terms.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Family Entertainment:** "Boston Bubble Guy" at the Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, Sunday River. Tickets: \$4 in advance and \$6 at door (12 and under); \$6 advance/\$8 door (age 12 plus). Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater:** Buckfield: World Champion Magician, George Saterial. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children 12 and under. FMI: call box office at 396-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Sunday, Jan. 18

Solomon Demo Day at Carter's X-C Ski, Intervale Road, Bethel. FMI: 539-4848 or e-mail cartersxcski@gmail.com or visit www.cartersxcski.com.

Monday, Jan. 19

4 to 6:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** will host celebration to honor volunteers and to celebrate Inauguration of President Barack Obama and Vice-president Joe Biden, in Tuscany Hall (former racquet ball club on Route 26), South Paris. Buffet of snacks and hors d'oeuvres. Open to all volunteers who worked on electing Democrats. RSVP by calling 875-2116 or e-mailing cathyn@megalink.net.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **"Understanding the Basics of Cash Flow"** sponsored by River Valley Technology Center, River Valley Growth Council and River Valley Chamber of Commerce at River Valley Technology Center, 60 Lowell Street, Rumford (\$10 includes lunch, members pay \$8) for business owners or prospective business owners. Pre-payment required: call Lorraine at 369-0396 or e-mail lorraine@rvgc.org by Jan. 19.

5:30 p.m. - **Relay For Life of Oxford Hills Kick-Off** at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, 256 Main Street, South Paris. FMI or to find out how to volunteer, or to RSVP for the Kick-Off: contact Megan Barrett at 373-3701 or visit www.relayforlife.org/oxfordhillsme.

More Community Calendar

An extended version of this week's Community Calendar can be found on our homepage: bethelcitizen.com

Church Services

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Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am. Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI: 392-3561

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5 S. Andover 392-1121

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor, Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m., Worship Service at 10 a.m., Kids Klub (4 yrs-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (6th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info: 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-4550

Our Lady of the Snows - Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levasseur 394-4556

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am. Worship Service, 10am. Ladies Bible Study Tuesday, 2:30pm. Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm. Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2943.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8899

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 8am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Leveign. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2571

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 9:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 448-5449 for more info

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Wren. Sunday morning service will begin at 9am. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 267 Main Street. Worship service Saturdays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beekel. 364-5882

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the dumpster room, Jordan Grand Hotel. New time 10:00am-11:00am. Ski-in or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information call 824-3886 (recording)

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First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m. Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd. Rt. 118 (near corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4999 FMI or ride

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117 S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom McHenry. Sunday School at 9am. Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 9 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspraise third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2630 or Sue Reilly at 966-0212 for more information

Christ Episcopal Church - 45 Paris St. Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 7 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion, located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 8am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m.

St. Mary's - Sunday 9am. Mass

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 10am worship (Sept. thru June). Children's provided. Religious education classes throughout year. FMI 743-2626

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St. Mary's - Saturday 6pm. Mass

Our Lady of Ransom, Sunday 10am Mass

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St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion at 8am. Rev. Tom Parsons. Pre-Confirmation Service, 10:15am. Adult Education, 7pm. FMI 364-5882

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RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - 10am. Sunday School 10:15am. Worship service 10:30am. Sunday prayer meeting 7pm. Wednesday night Bible study 7pm. FMI 364-5882

Rumford Point Church - Sunday 9am. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 10:30am. FMI 364-5882

East Sumner Congregational Church - Sunday 10am. Sunday School 10:15am. Sunday Service 10:30am. FMI 364-5882

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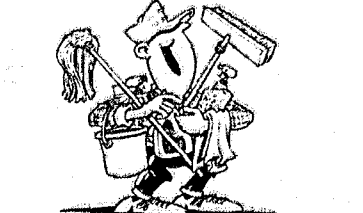
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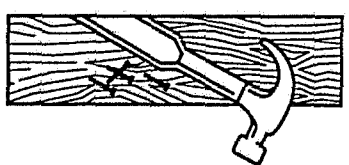
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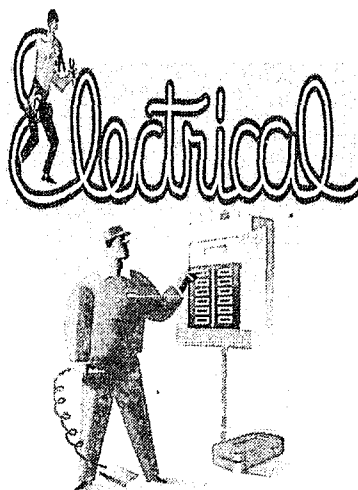
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WMCA Health Services is pleased to announce that free and low-cost Gardasil, the vaccine to prevent human papilloma virus (HPV) and cervical cancer, is now available at WMCA Health Services family planning sites in Farmington, Norway, Lewiston, and Rumford.

The Gardasil vaccine targets four types of the HPV virus; HPV Types 16 and 18 which cause 70 percent of cervical cancer cases, and HPV Types 6 and 11 which cause 90 percent of genital warts cases.

"The cost of this vaccine has been a huge barrier to low-income and uninsured girls and women," says Nancy Audet, program manager of the WMCA Health Services. "We are very excited that this barrier no longer exists for these women, thanks to the Vaccines for Children program for girls under 19 and the vaccine assistance fund for low-income women 19-26."

Gardasil is a vaccine given as three injections over a period of six months and is approved for girls and women 9 through 26 years of age. Ideally this vaccine is given to girls before they become sexually active.

"There's a common misconception that, 'Oh, I have been sexually active, it's too late for me,' and that's not the case," says Sara Hayes, nurse practitioner and clinical director of the program. "HPV is indeed very common; over 50 percent of sexually active women become infected with HPV at some time but it is unlikely that women become infected with all four of the types of HPV covered by the vaccine. Even a woman who has had an abnormal pap test due to one of these viruses should still strongly consider getting vaccinated. The vaccine will protect her against the other HPV types she hasn't been exposed to and will not worsen or improve any current HPV infection she has."

"Most people with HPV show no signs or symptoms," says Kathy Coleman, a nurse practitioner at the program. "Luckily, HPV is usually a temporary infection that our immune system can get rid of."

It's only when certain 'high risk' kinds of HPV don't go away that the likelihood of cervical cancer increases. Most women with HPV do not get cervical cancer."

The vaccine will not prevent all cervical cancers, so it is very important that women continue to get an annual exam and routine pap screening.

The vaccine is a major breakthrough in the prevention of cervical cancer, which claims the lives of 4,000 U.S. women each year. Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women.

In addition to the HPV vaccine, WMCA Health Services provides routine physical exams; birth control counseling and supplies; pregnancy testing and options counseling; emergency contraception; and the testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Fees are based on a sliding-fee scale according to household income. People with MaineCare and private insurance are most welcome.

For more information about Gardasil or any of the services offered by WMCA Health Services, call (800) 587-9354 or check online at wmca.org.



CHRISTMAS QUILTERS—The quilting club of Bethel held its 2008 Christmas party at The Victoria Inn. Pictured are, front (from left): Debbie Hayes, Karen Bean & Wilma Rector. Second row (seated): Marlene Engdahl, June Abbott, Barbara Honkala & Ginny Keniston. Third row: Shireen Vincent, Edleen Winslow, Mabel Kennett, Ginger Kelly, Lee Barth. Fourth row: Pat McCartney, Cathy Thrall, Dawn Giroux, Jackie Van Leuven. Fifth row: Paula Sutton, Ruby Kulpa.

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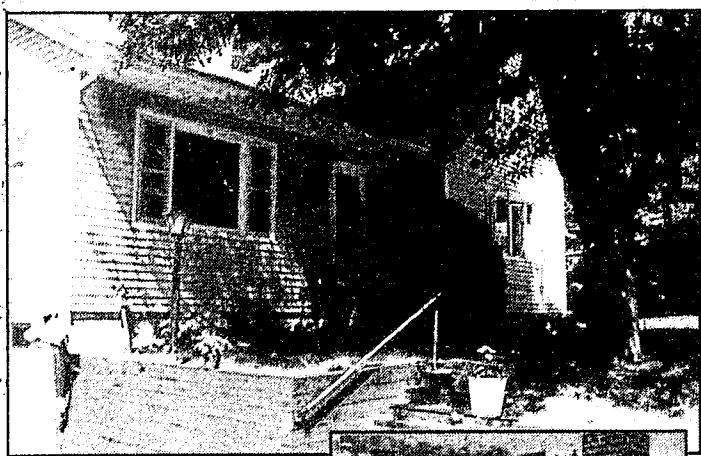
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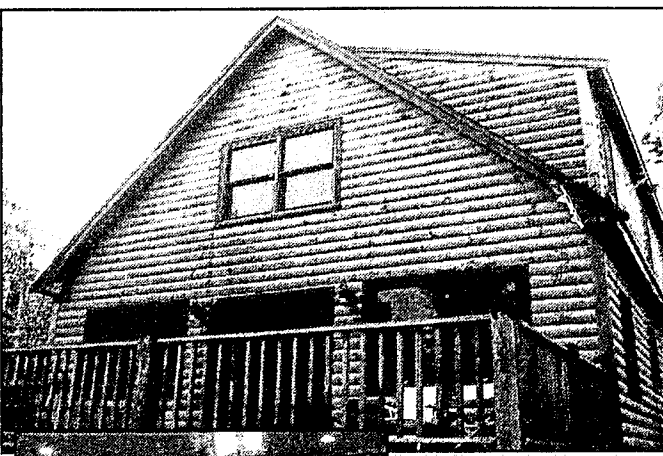
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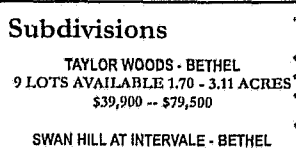
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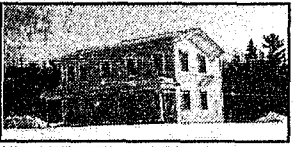
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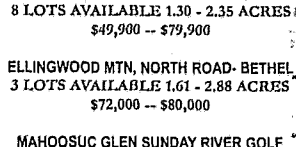
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Nicely maintained home with a spacious lawn, located just a short distance from the village. Beautiful wide pine floors, 2 car attached garage & separate shed. New septic. Lot included a mobile home previously with its own septic. Many possibilities. \$159,000



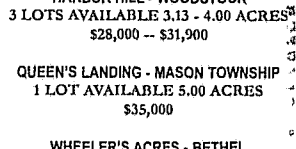
1850'S HANOVER CAPE
Four bedroom Cape in Hanover, full of original charm and loads of potential. Original details include 4 fireplaces, wide pine floors. Situated on a nice 2+ acre lot only 10 minutes to Bethel and Sunday River Skiing. \$129,900



EDEN RIDGE CONDOMINIUM
Great location at Eden Ridge. Wonderful elevated condominium with beautiful mountain views and a great price, walking distance to town. Fireplace, open floor plan, efficient gas heater. \$167,500



BEAR RIVER CAMP
This is a sportsman's dream! 495' on Bear River. 3 BR camp right off ITS snowmobile trail near Griffin's Notch. 1.5+/- acres of seclusion within minutes of Sunday River Skiway. Appalachian trail nearby, so you can hike, ski, snowmobile, fish or enjoy nature. \$105,000



QUEEN'S LANDING - MASON TOWNSHIP
1 LOT AVAILABLE 5.00 ACRES
\$35,000
WHEELER'S ACRES - BETHEL
1 LOT AVAILABLE 5.00 ACRES
\$69,500
PARADISE PINES - BETHEL
7 LOTS AVAILABLE - \$59,900 EACH
CUSTOM HOMES STARTING @ \$234,500



WOODSTOCK COUNTRY RANCH
Three bedroom, two bath ranch in rural subdivision on Harbor Rd. 1st floor laundry. Wood insert fireplace, open living dining concept, spacious 3.3 +/- acre lot. Perfect year round home or weekend retreat. \$150,000



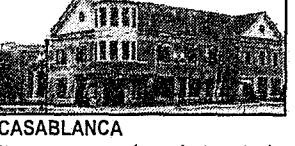
HANOVER COTTAGE
Located in Hanover, just a short distance from Sunday River and Bethel Village. House is in nice move-in condition. Additional 12+/- acres available. \$115,000



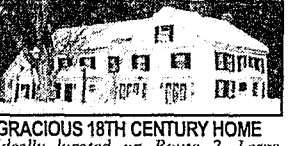
SHAGG POND VIEWS
New camp with many possibilities and nice views of Shagg Pond. Very private. Has grey water system and power. Three bedrooms, cathedral ceiling and open floor plan. Can easily be made into a year round home. \$83,900



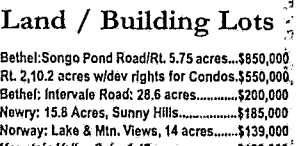
BETHEL VILLAGE NEW ENGLAND
Four bedroom house with nice backyard and attached barn. Located in town on quiet one-way street. Screened porch, two bedrooms each floor, two full baths, perfect for two families. Many updates complete. \$215,000



CASABLANCA
Operate your own theater business in the beautiful ski & golf community of Bethel. Well established movie theater & dominant position in geographic market. Additional sq ft. in building with prime business exposure to capitalize on. \$1,200,000



GRACIOUS 18TH CENTURY HOME
Ideally located on Route 2. Large rooms with unlimited potential. Many recent improvements. 5 fireplaces, carriage house and a large porch and beam barn. An ideal location for your home or next business venture. Home warranty included. \$349,000



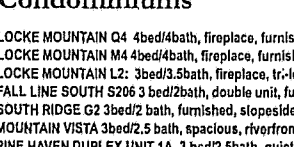
Land / Building Lots
Bethel-Song Pond Road/Rt. 5.75 acres...\$550,000
Rt. 2, 10.2 acres w/river rights for condos...\$550,000
Bethel: Intervale Road: 28.6 acres...\$200,000
Newry: 15.8 Acres, Sunny Hills...\$185,000
Norway: Lake & Min. Views, 14 acres...\$139,000
Mountain Valley Sub: 1.47 acres...\$129,000
Webb River Waterfront Lot: 8.9 acres...\$129,000
Newry: Bear River Rd. views, 32 acres...\$129,000
Newry: Baker's Acres Lot, 1.53 acres...SOLD
Newry: Red House Village, 25 acres...\$110,000
Albany: 42.85 acres...\$100,000
Norway: Fantastic Views, 6 acres...\$89,000
Will View Subdivision: 1.8 acres...\$84,900
South Pond Shores: 5.170 acres...SOLD
Bethel: Paradise, in town lot, 50 acres...\$80,000
Taylor Woods Waterfront Lot 1.7 acres...\$79,500
Hanover: 12 acres, Rt.2, dev. potential...PENDING
Newry: Min. View Road, 7.8 acres...\$62,500/200
Near North Pond: .93 acres...\$59,000/200
Bird Hill Road Lot: 2.84 acres...\$57,000/200
Bird Hill Road Lot: 12 acres...\$50,000/200
Woodstock: Rt. 26, Wooded level, 8.5 acres...\$45,000/200
Albany: 3 acres, close to Bethel...\$40,000/200
Woodstock: Rocky Road, .96 acres...\$34,900/200
Woodstock: Great Min Views, 7.5 acres...\$32,900
West Paris: Hidden Acres, 2 acre lot...\$24,900



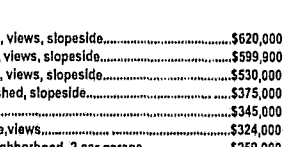
PARK STREET CONDOMINIUMS
Newly renovated in town condominiums walking distance to all village amenities including the Mountain Explorer free shuttle to Sunday River. Open floorplans, great natural light and quality finishes. Completion nearing, ready for the ski season. \$115,000+



THE CAMERON HOUSE
Newly renovated furnished units located in downtown Bethel within walking distance of village amenities including the Mountain Explorer free shuttle. 1 master 1 1/2 bedroom configurations special out over three levels. Large common areas including covered porches & decks and common laundry on site. Tactful inquiries \$110,000+



Condominiums
LOCKE MOUNTAIN 4A 4bed/4bath, fireplace, furnished, views, slope/side...\$620,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN M4 4bed/4bath, fireplace, furnished, views, slope/side...\$599,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN L2 3bed/3.5bath, fireplace, tri-level, views, slope/side...\$530,000
FALL LINE SOUTH 206 3 bed/2 bath, double unit, furnished, slope/side...\$375,000
SOUTH RIDGE G2 2bed/2 bath, furnished, slope/side...\$345,000
MOUNTAIN VISTA 3bed/2.5 bath, spacious, riverfront, views, slope/side...\$324,000
PINE HAVEN DUPLEX UNIT 1A 3 bed/2.5 bath, quiet neighborhood, 2 car garage...\$259,900
TWITCHELL BROOK ESTATES 2bed/2bath, 1 ft. master, gas fireplace, views, hardwood floors...PENDING
NORTH PEAK II #309 2bed/2bath, furnished, rental history available, slope/side...\$210,000
LAKE CHRISTOPHER 2bed/2bath, waterfront, walk out to the water...\$179,000



EDEN RIDGE 4C 2bed/2 bath, fireplace, close to village...\$167,500
MERRILL BROOK 3C 1bed/1bath, panoramic ski views, slope/side...\$164,900
SUNRISE C105 1bed/1bath, furnished, top floor, slope/side, rental ready...\$134,500
CHAMBERLAIN B10 2bed/2bath, and unit, fireplace, near the pool...\$125,000
FALL LINE NORTH 107 2bed/2bath, furnished, slope/side, rental ready...\$112,300
31 PARK STREET CONDOS 1-3 bed/1-2bath units, quality finishes, views...\$115,000+
FALL LINE NORTH 202 1bed/1bath, furnished, slope/side...\$115,000
THE CAMERON HOUSE 1-3bed/1-2bath units, common area, walk to village amenities...\$110,000+
RIVERBEND #2 1bed/1bath, furnished, great rental history, free shuttle access...\$99,900
CASCADES B2 1 room/bath, end unit, sleeps 4 furnished, slope/side...\$69,000

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WINTER PARK
NEW! 26-Lot Winter Park Subdivision, Flat Rd., Bethel, offers fabulous W-SW facing views of the White Mountain National Forest and is only minutes to Sunday River. Paved roads! Priced \$49,900-\$109,900.
MAHOOSUC GLEN
1.13 ACRES + Lifetime Family Membership to Sunday River Golf Course
\$199,900
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, walk-in pantry, open floor plan w/ cathedral ceilings, natural stone hearth, large windows w/ mountain views, walk-out daylight basement, 7.5 acres
REDUCED PRICE \$264,900
Log Home with Owner Financing
This newly constructed 2-bedroom 2 1/2-bath home has 2.31 BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT ACRES on the Androscoggin, only 20 minutes from Sunday River. \$199,900
HANOVER RIVERFRONT HOME AND ACREAGE
With 2 garages and an extra-L, this 3-bedroom ranch offers granite counter-tops, cherry cabinets, hardwood floors, and a 2-acre yard for plenty of play space! \$319,000
Newry Privacy Near Bear River

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ROXBURY: Great get-away from the city, this modern 2 bedroom chalet with a full bath sits on 1.1 acres is being sold furnished. Walk to the beach, ice fish, hunt or ski minutes to Black Mt. & Sunday River Ski Resorts. \$170,000
BETHEL: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths updated mobile home plus washer & dryer. All new carpets and deep drilled well, 10 miles to Sunday River Ski Resort. 1.5 miles to Mt. Abram. Ready to move-in. \$79,900
SWAN HILL: Beautiful 14.7 Ac lot overlooks Sunday River Skiway, southern exposure. Town maintained road and power source available at road. \$270,000
Greenwood: Built in 2005 this fully insulated 3 bedroom house has whirlpool tub w/ separate shower. Master bedroom is 30x20 with deck, can be heated entirely by wood and large 2 car garage. Great location near lake and minutes to Mt. Abram and Sunday River Skiways. Priced to sell \$99,900

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NEW LISTING!



196 HIGH ST., W. PARIS \$179,000

- Three Bedroom/1.5 Bath Gambrel
- 4 Acre Lot w/ Perennials and Pond
- Newly Remodeled Kitchen
- Wood Stove
- Storage Shed/One Car Garage

Contact: Margie Finley

NEW PRICE!



42 FAIRWAY DR., NEWRY \$215,000

- Mahoosuc Glen Subdivision
- Located Along The 7th Fairway
- Exceptional Views
- World Class Golfing @ Sunday River Golf Club
- 1.0 +/- Acres

Contact: Margie Finley

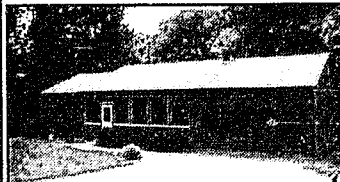
SIMILAR TO BE BUILT



LOT #1 HIDEAWAY HILLS, BETHEL \$226,900

- "To Be Built" Log Sided Chalet
- Minutes From Bethel Village
- Three Bedroom/Two Bath
- Daylight Basement
- Gas Fireplace

Contact: Julia Young



124 BAILEY RD., BETHEL \$269,000

- 6 Bedrooms
- 2 Screened Porches
- 3,148 Total Square Feet
- Hickory Hardwood Floors
- A Must See

Contact: Cheri Thurston



BROOKSIDE 18401, NEWRY \$185,500

- 2 Bedroom Slopeside Condo
- New Carpet & Vinyl Flooring
- Gas Fireplace, Updated TV, & Fridge
- Outdoor Pool & Jacuzzi
- Excellent Rental Potential

Contact: Julia Young



1168 US ROUTE 2, GILEAD \$239,000

- Five Bedroom Colonial
- Located Between Gorham & Bethel
- First Floor Master
- 7.3 +/- Acres
- Walking Distance To Fly Fishing

Contact: Cheri Thurston



LOT #2 SWAN HILL RD., BETHEL \$79,500

- 2.66 +/- Acre Lot
- View Of The Mahoosucs
- 4 Miles From Bethel Village
- Electric At Street
- Privately Located

Contact: Julia Young



33 BILLINGS RD., WOODSTOCK \$399,000

- Quality Constructed 3200 + SF Home
- Detached 2 Car Garage & Att'd 1 Car Garage
- Incredible Setting W/ Expansive Brook Frontage
- 2 Tiered Deck To Enjoy Water Views & Sounds
- Beautiful Tranquil Setting

Contact: Margie Finley



59 RIVERBEND CONDO, BETHEL \$229,000

- Newer 2 Bedroom/2 Bath Condo
- Attractive Post & Beam Construction
- On Access Road & Mtn. Explorer Route
- Private Entrance, Interior Ski Storage
- Fully Furnished

Contact: Margie Finley

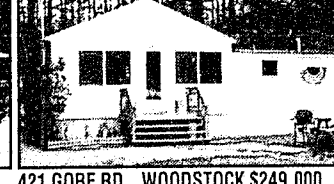
NEW LISTING!



35 TERRACE RD., BETHEL \$119,000

- Two Bedroom/One Bath Mobile
- Dead End Road
- Minutes To Two Ski Areas
- Views of Mt. Abram
- 3.75 Acre Lot

Contact: Carol Everett



421 GORE RD., WOODSTOCK \$249,000

- Waterfrontage
- Water Views From Living Room
- Dock
- Two Bedrooms
- Minutes To Ski Area

Contact: Cheri Thurston



76 CHESTNUT KNOLL, BETHEL \$365,000

- Authentic Post & Beam Home
- 7.7 +/- Acre Lot
- Cathedral Ceilings & Expansive Windows
- Three Fireplaces
- 1/4 Acre Pond

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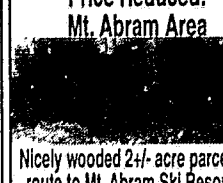
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Price Reduced! Beautiful Queen Anne, Bethel



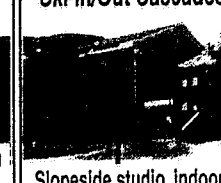
Stately Victorian located in historic district on 18th Fairway!

Price Reduced! Mt. Abram Area



Nicely wooded 24/- acre parcel en route to Mt. Abram Ski Resort & within minutes of area lakes, ponds & recreational activities. \$34,900!!

Ski-In/Out Cascades B-6



Slopeside studio, indoor pool, sauna, hot tub, shuttle service, & more! \$93,900

SUNDAY RIVER CONDOS

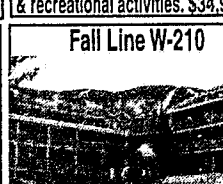
BROOKSIDE BUILDING 1	2 BR	SOLD
B-206	2 BR	\$189,900
B-405	2 BR	\$189,900
A-303	2 BR	\$224,900
BROOKSIDE BUILDING 11		
A-213	STUDIO	\$89,900
A-212	STUDIO	\$84,900
B-306	1 BR	\$149,900
CASCADES		
B6	STUDIO	\$93,900
B-14	1 BR	SOLD
FALL LINE		
W-210	1 BR	\$159,000
LOCKE MOUNTAIN		
B2	4 BR	SOLD
D3	4 BR	SOLD
MERRILL BROOK		
W-210	1 BR	SOLD
NORTH PEAK		
II-205	2 BR	\$189,900
II-112	2 BR	\$194,900
II-201	2 BR	\$194,900
I-302	2 BR	\$219,000
II-102	2 BR	\$219,000
II-310	2 BR	SOLD
SOUTH RIDGE		
E-3	2 BR	\$299,900
SUNRISE	2 BR	\$299,900
II-0	1 BR	SOLD
WHITE CAP	1 BR	\$149,900

Price Reduced! Main St., In-Town Bethel!



2 in-town Main Street lots! \$49,900 Each!

Fall Line W-210



Outstanding Trailside 1 BR condo w/indoor heated pool, sauna, hot tub & more! \$155,000

Price Reduced!! Greenwood



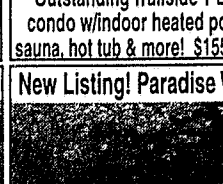
Contemporary Chalet with Magnificent Views! \$199,000!!

Price Reduced! Hanover



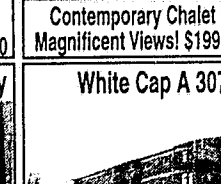
Charming In-Town Cape on 5/- Pastoral Acres w/great appeal! \$229,900

New Listing! Paradise Way



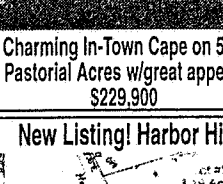
81.5/- Rolling, Wooded Premierly Situated Acres @ \$249,900

White Cap A 307



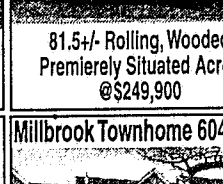
Trailside 1 Bedroom Ski-In/Ski-Out Condominium! \$149,900

New Listing! Harbor Hill



Wooded 3.12/- acres on quiet country Rd. Prox. to area ski resorts, waterways, trails & other area amenities. \$27,500!!

Millbrook Townhome 604/605



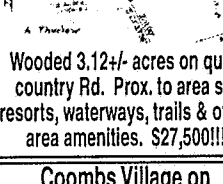
Fabulous 3 BR Lock Out Townhouse with great In-Town Location

New Listing! E. Andover Rd!



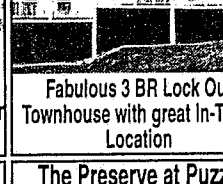
9 Room Farmhouse set up on 5 rural acres! Only \$189,000!!

Coombs Village on Sunday River Road



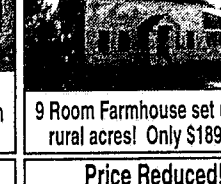
A Skier's Dream: Close To Sunday River Ski Resort Trails & Amenities \$274,900

The Preserve at Puzzle Mountain!



Offers The Most Dazzling Mountain Views! Call for Details!

Price Reduced! North Peak II-112



2 Bedroom Condo w/in-ground pool access, excellent trail side access & other great amenities! \$199,000

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Where do you start when you are ready to buy a home? Before you begin looking for a home, you have to make some decisions. You need to decide what is important to you when purchasing your home. Before starting out on your home search it is a good idea to sit down and develop a list of what is important and what would you like in your new home. Your list could include schools, neighborhood, amenities, number of bedrooms, number of baths, a basement, a separate dining room, 2-story family room or foyer, one level ranch plan, master bedroom on the main level, special financing, seller willing to cover closing costs and the list goes on and on.

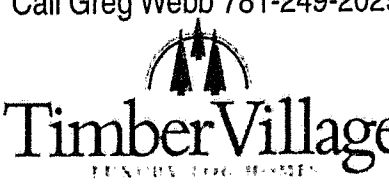
An experienced buyer real estate agent can help you through the process. There is no such thing as a perfect house, therefore once you have developed your list you should begin to prioritize it. You can prioritize into, "must have", "should have" and "would be nice to have". By having a clear understanding what you want in your new home, and the priority of those items, you will be in a much better position to decide whether you want to put an offer on a house you see and like. It is also a good idea to consider whether you want to purchase a new or pre-owned home.

TIMBER VILLAGE



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Owner Financing available.
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Timber Village

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Sunday River Real Estate

HOMES



274 Douglass Rd, Newry: Spectacular custom-built log home in the Powder Ridge neighborhood with panoramic views of Sunday River's slopes. Features include 2 fireplaces master suite hot tub deck finished daylight basement and attached 3-car garage \$888,899



42 Goose Eye Drive, Newry: Spacious home with stunning views overlooking the golf course at the Sunday River Golf Club. 3-bay heated garage, separate guest quarters, large master suite, custom cabinetry, lovely sunroom. Lifetime family membership to the golf club \$795,000



9 Vista Road, Newry: Fabulous custom package w/ highly regarded 3300 sq ft 3-BR 3.5-bath open floor plan vaulted ceilings. Great views of Sunday River. Close to golf and snowmobile trails. \$599,000



62 Mtn. Valley Rd, Bethel: This contemporary 3-BR 2.5-bath home is perfect for living & entertaining. Beautiful mountain views make this a perfect getaway for all four seasons. Open concept with 2 fireplaces deck. 2-car garage \$459,000



31 Riverwood Drive, Newry: Cozy cabin in the woods with over 3500+ feet of Bear River frontage and beautiful views! 3-BR 2-bath has fully equipped kitchen with tiled floors, towering stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings, loft area, porch, deck and gazebo \$419,900



Sunday River Rd, Bethel: Unit 59 in Powder Ridge Condominiums - Beautiful 1-bedroom custom-finished end unit with best & bright ceilings wood floors granite counter tops washer/dryer unit covered porch \$165,000

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Obituaries

FRANK HARTNETT

Frank Hartnett, 80, a long-time resident of Harrison, died peacefully on Tuesday morning, Dec. 30, 2008 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris.

Frank was born on July 26, 1928 in Pawtucket, R.I., the son of Richard Hartnett and Mary Agnes O'Reilly. Upon graduating from LaSalle Academy in Providence, R.I., Frank enlisted in the United States Army and served for several years with honor in post-war Europe. After earning a degree in Business Administration from Bryant University in Providence, R.I., Frank spent his professional career in the textile industry. In 1963, he played an integral role in the construction and development of the Bridgton Knitting Mills plant in Bridgton, which he managed for the remainder of his career, retiring in 1990. He was particularly proud of the mill's leading role in the manufacture of Polarfleece and other innovative textiles, which transformed the outerwear industry in the U.S. and around the world. Frank was quick to link the quality of these products with the high quality of the mill's loyal employ-

ees.

Frank was a leader in local civic organizations: a long-standing member and past president of the Bridgton-Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce; a long-standing member and former King Lion of the Bridgton Lions Club; president of the Harrison Water District; and a trustee and past Chairman of the Board of Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital. He and his wife Odette were also very active members of the St. Joseph's parish for many years.

Frank was an active sports fan — a regular fixture in the Oxford Hills bleachers at his children's athletic contests for nearly two decades, and a proud and faithful supporter of his favorite New York Yankees, even deep within Red Sox Nation.

In his retirement Frank enjoyed traveling, and was able to visit Ireland, Israel, Egypt, Russia and Ukraine in the company of family and friends.

A devoted brother, husband, father and grandfather, Frank's greatest pleasure in recent years was spending time with his loving family. He will be remembered most fondly for his optimism and sense of humor.

Frank is survived by his brother, Richard Hartnett of Deep River, Conn.; four children, Michael Hartnett of Summerfield, N.C., Leslie Dixon of Windham, Matthew Hartnett of Southborough, Mass., and Harrison, and Patrick Hartnett of Hebron; and nine loving grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Odette, who passed away in 1985; and more recently by his beloved sister, Mary George of Cumberland, R.I.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281, where Frank spent his final months in the loving care of their wonderful staff.

MIGUEL C. MONZO

Miguel "Michael" C. Monzo of Oxford, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris from complications of COPD.

He was born in the Philippines on Nov. 19, 1926, the son of Raphael and Anita Castilla Monzo. He faithfully served

his country in the U.S. Navy for 24 years. While in the Navy, one of his jobs was as a cook at Camp David for President Kennedy. After retiring from the Navy, he worked on the Canadian National Railroad for more than 20 years before retiring.

After his retirement, he enjoyed working outdoors, cooking and spending time with his wife and children.

He is survived by his loving family, wife Sandra; his daughters, Jamie, Tara and Erika; and his son, Ian; in addition to Kimberly Kirby of New Gloucester, and Michael Monzo Jr. of Bethel. He was predeceased by Jeannette Goldston of Arizona.

Funeral services were held at Monday, Jan. 5, at the Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, 45 Main Street, South Paris, with spring interment at South Woodstock Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing may make memorial gifts to the Moss Brook Church, 41 Western Avenue, South Paris, ME 04281. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.westonchandler.com.

Weddings



Mr. & Mrs. Brian Worcester

The wedding of Sara Clark and Brian Worcester, a very pretty fall formal marriage, was Saturday afternoon, Oct. 25, outdoor at White's Yard Works on Wyman Hill in Rumford. Ellie Andrews officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Worcester is the daughter of Patricia Clark of Carthage and Arnold and Vicki Clark of Rumford and granddaughter of Edwin Pulk, Carthage and Elizabeth Pulk, Carthage. She is the great-granddaughter of Frances Carson from Pennsylvania. Mr. Worcester is the son of Donna and Clem Worcester of Hanover and grandson of Alyce Peare of West Paris. All attended the wedding.

Assisting with the ceremony were Sue Galligan of Wilton, maid of honor and John Bernard of Rumford, the best man. The bridesmaids were Tammy Bernard of Rumford and the groom's sister, Jenny Terrill of Oxford. The groomsmen were Scott Trip of Mexico and Matt Terrell of Oxford.

Mr. Worcester's daughter, Kaylynn, was the flower girl and joins with her father in the new family, which includes 10-months-old twins, Shawnee and Makala, all from Carthage. Hunter Bernard of Rumford was the ring bearer.

Immediately following the service a gala reception took place at the Sons of Italy Hall in Rumford after which the newly married couple left for a honeymoon trip to New Hampshire and the eastern coast of Maine.

The bride is a graduate of Calais Regional High School and is employed by C.N. Brown. The groom graduated from Mountain Valley High School, Region 9 School of Applied Technology and attended Washington County Technical College. He is employed at Sunday River, and he is a logger. The family resides in Carthage.

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Tuesday, January 13, 2009 - Upton Town Office, 7:00 PM. This hearing will be for residents of Upton.

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 - Gilead Town Office, 7:00 PM. This hearing will be for the residents of Gilead.

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 - Required Referendum Vote on the proposed consolidation of schools in MSAD 44, Upton, Gilead, and the towns of Maine School Union 37 in the Rangeley area.

For additional information, please contact David W. Murphy, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools at 824-2185.

A copy of the proposed consolidation plan is available at www.sad44.org

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